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Italy hit with second deadly quake

Just nine days after an earthquake killed seven people, Tuesday's quake killed at least 17 people, injuring 200 PAGE 8

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A police officer removes a package containg a human foot from the Conservative Party headquarters in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Human foot delivered to Tory HQ

Major Crime unit.
Police probing for links to grisly torso discovery in Montreal

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Ottawa police's major crime unit is investigating after a human foot was delivered to the Conservative Party of Canada headquarters Tuesday on Albert Street.

Around 11:20 a.m., police were called to 130 Albert St., where they made a grisly discovery at the Tory's office on the 12th floor. When they saw blood stains on the box, a hazmat team was called in. The RCMP also responded to the scene. Ottawa police Sgt. Steve Hogsdon said the package was delivered via Canada Post, but it wasn't addressed to anyone in particular, only the Conservative party.

The party said only that a suspicious package was sent to their office and referred all questions to Ottawa police.

A woman on the 14th floor of the building said police wearing hazmat suits were seen in the building and that employees on her floor were told not to go to the 12th floor.

The woman, who did not give her name, also said workers on her floor were taking pictures and posting to Facebook.

Montreal police spokesperson Const. Daniel Fortier said the city's police is are in touch with Ottawa police after a severed torso was found at 10:15 a.m. in a garbage of an apartment building in the Côte-des-Neiges neighbourhood.

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Late-breaking

After further investigation, police intercepted a second package Tuesday that was found to contain another human body part. The major crime unit continues to investigate. METRO

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Labour pool grows in city: Census data

Competition. Students say finding jobs in their field is difficult

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Young job seekers in Ottawa say it has become tougher to find a job in the city, a fact that may be tied to new 2011 census data released Tuesday.

The data shows that the city's population grew nine per cent from 2006 to 2011 and that now more than seven in 10 people are between the working ages of 15 to 64 years old.

Combined with an unemployment rate that jumped from 5.8 to 6.1 per cent from 2011 to 2012, many young people are finding themselves out of work.

"I'm graduating on Saturday and have been looking for a job in my field since February and still haven't found one," said Stephanie Lapalme, an English and religious studies student at the University of Ottawa. "The only job I could find was selling tickets for a boat cruise on the Ottawa River."

Business finance student Stephanie Maouad said she has had a similar experience while trying to find a job in her field. "I searched in every bank and no one answered me. But I found ... a job as a waitress."

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How we compare

- There were more working-age people in Ottawa-Gatineau last year than the national average, according to 2011 census data released Tuesday by Statistic Canada.
- The Canadian Population in 2011: Age and Sex report said more than seven in 10 people were between 15 and 64 in Ottawa-Gatineau. The national average in 2011 was just over 68 per cent.

Fret not — sunnier skies are ahead

A truck splashes through a flooded Prestron Street Tuesday afternoon during a thunderstorm that prompted Environment Canada to issue a severe-storm warning for much of Eastern Ontario. The weather office forecast sunnier conditions for Wednesday with a high of 24 C. JOE LOFARO/FOR METRO

Activists applaud ouster of Syrian diplomats

Protester seen in front of the Syrian embassy in Ottawa on Tuesday. Syrian diplomats have been given five days to leave Canada. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Canadian-Syrian activists in Ottawa said they felt relief following Tuesday's announcement that Syrian diplomats will be ejected from Ottawa by the end of the week.

"We've been chatting online (and) sharing the good news," said Rehab Adas, an anti-regime activist. "It's been too long. Canada should have taken this step a long time ago. At least they've taken it finally."

Syrian diplomats and their families have been given five days to leave Canada, according to a statement from Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird.

The expulsion comes after recent bloodshed over the weekend left more than 100 dead in Houla, a collection of farming villages in Syria's Homs province.

Yet there's more Canada can do, said Adas. "Some of the Syrians who've made it to Lebanon are dying in the hospitals there and they need medical attention," she said. "They mostly need medical assistance and financial assistance."

The ousting of Syrian diplomats from Ottawa was part of a co-ordinated effort among other Western nations who have also moved to expel Syrian officials.

A spokesperson for Bashar Akbik, the Charge d'Affaires for Syria's diplomatic mission to Canada, said he would not comment about the embassy's closure.

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Three decades of putting sex-ed issues in the spotlight

Anniversary gala. Youth sex-ed theatre program ready to celebrate 30-year run

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Ottawa's Insight Theatre has been putting sex-ed on stage for 30 years.

The youth-led program's current and former cast members will celebrate this landmark with supporters and friends on Saturday night at city hall.

Insight's teenaged performers write their own skits on topics including gender diversity, contraception and sexual health with the help of a drama coach. They then tour area schools performing their works.

"It's a little bit more dynamic than just hearing it out of a textbook or seeing it written on the board, and what the students in the troupe are able to do is they're able to take the information and then put it in real-world scenarios," said Nadine Thornhill, Insight's program director.

"That kind of gets the information across in a way that other students can relate to. They're seeing people their own age."

After 30 years onstage, many alumni have come through Insight's ranks, and a few will join this year's cast for a special ensemble performance at the gala.

"The current cast has been able to hear stories about Insight in the past, and has been able to meet some people who really have a history with the organization," Thornhill said, "so it's been a blast."

Get your tickets

For tickets to Saturday's gala at Jean Pigott Hall, go to insightgala.eventbrite.ca or drop by Planned Parenthood Ottawa's offices at 2197 Riverside Dr.

This year's Insight Theatre cast, from left, Christian Angel, Amy Wang, Faith Thomson, Merissa Taylor-Meissner, Justin Michel Viertelhausen, Allis Hunter Goddard, Leah Careless, Heather Cormier-Laurin and Danica Brockwell. STEVE COLLINS/METRO

Kids forsaking parks for 'screen time': Doctors

Tuesday afternoon's rain helped ensure plenty of empty swings in St. Lukes Park, but the 2012 report card on physical activity says kids are increasingly abandoning the playground for more sedentary activities. STEVE COLLINS/METRO

Canadian kids spend almost eight hours a day staring at screens, while almost half of them get three hours or less of active play in a week, according to a report card released Tuesday.

The 2012 Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth gives Canada an F for the sixth year in a row, but its primary author, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario's researcher Dr. Joel Barnes, isn't blaming the kids.

Fitness decline

7%

Only seven per cent of Canadian children and youth get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity a day.

"There's a lot of benefit with active play, and unfortunately kids don't seem to have the opportunity to play," he said.

"Their environments seem to be highly controlled and they also seem to be using their free time for other things, such as screen time."

Barnes lists less unstructured playtime, parental worries about safety and the glut of electronic entertainment available as some factors keeping kids inside.

Parents, he said, should "be active role models, to get out there and actually play with their kids, whether it's just kicking a ball around or taking them to the park, flying a kite. Something as simple as that can make a big difference in the overall amount of activity that a kid gets in the course of a day."

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Parents see Internet as threat: Study

Cybersafety debate. Overly watchful attitude is causing trust issues at home, researchers report

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"We know (parents) are doing it because of good intentions, but it's not working very well."

Dr. Valerie Steeves, criminology professor at the University of Ottawa and lead investigator on a study about Internet usage by Canadian youth

Parents need to tone down their over-the-shoulder spying techniques when their kids are surfing the web, according to youth questioned in a new Canadian study on Internet usage.

Focus groups involving 66 young people from across Canada took place between 2000 and 2012 for the Young Canadians in a Wired World study.

At the study's inception, researchers with the Media Awareness Network noticed parents viewed the Internet as a resource and tool for gathering information. Now, that perception has shifted to one of fear, and youth say it's causing trust issues with their parents.

"When parents do use those techniques of spying, kids feel it is harder for them to go to their parents to talk to them about the issues that may arise when they're online," said Dr. Valerie Steeves, a criminology professor at the University of Ottawa and lead investigator of the study.

"We know they're doing it because of good intentions, but it's not working very well," said Steeves, adding that youth wished their parents would trust them more to exercise their best judgment.

Some youth also told researchers that their schools' cyberbullying programs are no longer effective because they haven't been updated in years.

The findings of the study will also be used for a national survey of youth next year.

The full study is available at mediasmarts.ca.

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Alex Burnst, 15, left, and Theo Etzinger, 11, participated in a youth panel Tuesday as researchers announced the findings of a study on the role the Internet has in children's lives. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Casino du Lac Leamy

Cops arrest trio on fraud charges

Gatineau police laid charges against three men from the Dominican Republic for fraud they allegedly committed at gambling tables at the Casino du Lac Leamy.

The alleged fraud occurred between April 17 and 21 and amounted to $13,000. Two of the men are 25 and the third man is 23.

The three men are well-known fraudsters in parts of the United States, police said.

A fourth suspect — a man in his 30s — is also wanted by Gatineau police. He is also a native of the Dominican Republic and a resident of the United States.

The tree men could face charges of fraud over $5,000 and attempted fraud. They are expected to appear in Gatineau court Tuesday.

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A view of the Casino du Lac Leamy. CONTRIBUTED

Construction accident

Workers fall two storeys at site

A Gatineau construction worker suffered life-threatening injuries when he and a co-worker fell two storeys at a construction site at 16 Saint Helena St. Gatineau police say the floor collapsed under them due to the weight of stacked building materials. The incident is under investigation.

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Rail workers lambaste fed's back-to-work legislation

Parliament Hill rally. Back-to-work law could take effect Thursday

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Teamsters from the Canada Rail Conference lambasted legislation proposed by the federal government to end a week-long strike by 5,000 Canadian Pacific Rail employees Tuesday.

"What company would negotiate with any union if legislation comes in?" said CP train conductor Vincent Fratelli, who joined a rally of railway teamsters on Parliament Hill.

"It's the way to go because they don't have to negotiate."

Legislation introduced Monday by Labour Minister Lisa Raitt orders CP workers back to work immediately and could see the striking freight workers back on the lines as early as Thursday.

"This strike is CP Rail's making," chief negotiator Doug Finnson of the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference told the rally. "They put their customers on the line and I cannot believe they want to fill their pockets with your pension money."

CP plans to cut 40 per cent from employee pensions, said Fratelli, adding he was protesting in support of employees who are nearing the end of their career and have been paying into the pension for 30 to 40 years.

"Some guys have paid in full and won't get what they've paid in," he said. "What's going to left for me after years of 12-hour days of work?"

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Rallying against cuts at Canadian Pacific Railway that could see employee pensions cut by 40 per cent, the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference gathered at Parliament Hill Tuesday. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Despite reports the federal Conservatives want to shut down an inquiry into their controversial decision to sole-source the purchase of F-35 fighter jets, a government committee did not reach a decision Tuesday.
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Ottawa defers decision on inquiry into F-35 purchase

The federal government appeared set to shut down the only public investigation into Ottawa's fumbling of the F-35 fighter jet purchase, but a final decision on the matter was delayed.

Andrew Saxton, parliamentary secretary to the President of the Treasury Board, has told the House of Commons the Conservatives feel they've delved deep enough into the issues surrounding the cost of the stealth fighters.

Media reports said the Tories were expected to pass a motion to end the hearings at a closed-door meeting of the parliamentary public accounts committee Tuesday, but by the end of the meeting no decision had been reached, according to media reports.

The move would come as only four weeks remain on the parliamentary calendar before the summer break.

The committee has been studying the auditor general's hard-hitting report on the acquisition of the costly jets.

The auditor general said in his report that Parliament didn't get the full picture on the costs of the 65 jets, which are closer to $25 billion rather than the $16 billion the Tories publicized.

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Mass killer

Breivik's friends suspect he's gay

Is confessed Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik gay?

Former friends of Breivik say he often expressed feminine tendencies and led some to believe he may be gay.

Three of the 33-year-old's former friends told an Oslo court on Tuesday that five years before he massacred 77 people in July, he moved back to live with his mother and ended all social contacts.

The friends, who did not want to be named, gave testimony during Breivik's trial as the defendant watched.

Breivik killed 69 people in a shooting spree on Utoya island on July 22 after setting off a bomb in Oslo that claimed eight lives.

Since May 11, survivors have given detailed accounts of how Breivik's emotionless "killing machine" hunted people down on the island, shooting them one by one.

Breivik has admitted to the killings, but denies criminal guilt.

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Again! Just nine days later, new quake misery hits Italy

Terror strikes at 9 a.m. Factories, barns, warehouses crumple — woman found alive after lying 12 hours in rubble of apartment

A powerful earthquake dealt a second terrifying blow Tuesday to a quake-devastated region in northern Italy.

Just nine days after an earlier tremblor that killed seven people, Tuesday's quake killed at least 16 and left 200 injured.

The injured included a 65-year-old woman who was pulled out alive by rescuers after lying for 12 hours in the rubble of her apartment's kitchen in Cavezzo.

Firefighters told Sky TG24 TV that a piece of furniture, which had toppled over, saved her from being crushed by the wreckage.

She was taken to hospital.

Firefighters said she'd gone into the building to get some clothes.

Factories, warehouses, barns and churches collapsed. as the ground shook.

The temblor shocked many of the thousands who have been living in tents or cars since the May 20 quake and created a whole new wave of homeless.

The area encompassing the cities of Modena, Mantua and Bologna is prized for its super car production — churning out Ferraris, Maseratis and Lamborghinis — its world-famous Parmesan cheese, and less well-known but critical to the economy: machinery companies.

In Mirandola, the church of San Francis crumbled, leaving only its facade standing. The main cathedral also collapsed.

In Concordia, the mayor had scheduled a town meeting to discuss the aftermath of the first quake.

Instead, Mayor Carlo Marchini confirmed the death of one person struck by falling debris.

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Rescue workers send dogs into the wreckage of a quake-hit factory in Medolla, northern Italy, on Tuesday as they search for three workers reported missing. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Candidate cashing in on resentment of rival

Egypt. Old regime dealing with angry protesters in presidential runoff

The Muslim Brotherhood's candidate for the Egyptian presidential runoff promised Tuesday he would break sharply with the ways of ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak, a day after angry protesters burned down the headquarters of his challenger who served as prime minister in the old regime.

Islamist Mohammed Morsi appeared to be trying to cash in on public resentment of his rival Ahmed Shafiq's ties to Mubarak at a news conference where he offered something for everyone, from the military to the revolutionaries, women and minority Christians. Morsi has been scrambling to broaden his base of support ahead of the June 16-17 runoff.

"When I am president, the presidency will not be reduced to one person," he said. "The age of superman has failed and gone. The world is no longer like that. I am not like that."

Morsi's comments came hours after some 400 protesters chanting slogans against Shafiq stormed and vandalized his Cairo campaign headquarters. The protesters set the building ablaze after making away with computers, television sets and air conditioners.

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"More than anyone else, the Brotherhood makes promises it never keeps."

Girgis Atef, a veteran of the uprising that toppled Mubarak 15 months ago

Shafiq was the last prime minister appointed by Mubarak before he stepped down in February 2011 in the face of a popular uprising against his autocratic rule. The attack on Shafiq's headquarters was reminiscent of some of the most dramatic scenes of the uprising when protesters burned down the ruling party headquarters.

In Cairo's Tahrir Square, birthplace of the uprising, protesters chanted slogans against both Morsi and Shafiq. Similar protests took place in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria and elsewhere in northern Egypt.

Morsi claimed the top spot in the first round of landmark elections last week, putting him in the runoff against Shafiq who, like his longtime friend and mentor Mubarak, is a former air force commander.

The attack on Shafiq's headquarters underlined the depth of resentment felt by many toward Shafiq, viewed by critics as an extension of the Mubarak regime. And Morsi moved quickly to use it for political gain, making a host of generous promises he said he would keep if elected.

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The revolutionary youth of Egypt returned to Tahrir Square to protest the outcome of the Egyptian presidential election in Cairo on Monday.

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Robots equipped with scissors, forceps crawling in patients

Medical advances.
Doctors say robots have potential to do things humans can't, such as test blood in the body

Imagine a tiny snake robot crawling through your body, helping a surgeon identify diseases and perform operations.

It's not science fiction. Scientists and doctors are using the creeping metallic tools to perform surgery on hearts, prostate cancer, and other diseased organs. The snakebots carry tiny cameras, scissors and forceps, and even more advanced sensors are in the works. For now, they're powered by tethers that humans control. But experts say the day is coming when some robots will roam the body on their own.

"It won't be very long before we have robots that are nanobots, meaning they will actually be inside the body without tethers," said Dr. Michael Argenziano, the chief of adult cardiac surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

Argenziano was involved with some of the first U.S. Food and Drug Administration clinical trials on robotic heart surgery more than 10 years ago. Now he says snake robots have become a commonly used tool that gives surgeons a whole new perspective.

"It's like the ability to have little hands inside the patients, as if the surgeon had been shrunken, and was working on the heart valve," he said.

Another expert at Carnegie Mellon stresses that there's still an enormous gap between humans and even the most high-tech robots. Manuela Velosa noted that robots have been built that excel at one or two tasks — but not at the variety of tasks humans perform without even thinking.

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'Snakebots'

- The size of surgical robots allows surgeons to operate with far less damage to the body, helping the patient heal faster. For example, instead of opening the entire chest up during heart surgery, a small incision is made, and the robot crawls inside to the proper spot.
- Dr. Ashutosh Tewari of Cornell University Medical Center has used robotic tools to perform thousands of prostate operations. He said the precision of the tiny robotic tool is vital not just to cutting out cancerous tumours, but to seeing exactly what nerves to leave intact.

Naval Academy graduates flying high

A formation of U.S. navy Blue Angel fighter jets perform a flyover above graduating Midshipmen during the United States Naval Academy graduation and commissioning ceremonies in Annapolis, Md., Tuesday.

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Ancestors in the open sea

Shipwreck find disproves theory

Greece's culture ministry says two Roman-era shipwrecks found in deep waters off the country's western coast disprove the accepted theory that ancient shipmasters stuck to coastal routes rather than risking the open sea.

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Name hard to swallow

Five Wives Vodka ruled in bad taste

Idaho liquor regulators say a Utah liquor named Five Wives Vodka is in bad taste and they won't stock bottles or take special orders at state-owned stores. It's from a distillery in Utah, where the Mormon church is based.

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Ash spews in Colombia

Volcano prompts evacuations

A light spewing of ash amid renewed rumblings in the Nevado del Ruiz volcano has prompted Colombian authorities to suspend operations at four regional airports and evacuate 500 people.

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How to restore the voters' shattered trust?

Election chiefs' top priority. Robocall scandal may spark legislative changes to curb live call centres, chief officer says

Restoring trust in the integrity of the electoral system is a top priority for Elections Canada.

The watchdog agency aims to repair damage inflicted by the robocall scandal and procedural irregularities that caused the election in one Toronto riding to be overturned.

Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand said Tuesday the agency is reviewing its procedures.

It may yet recommend legislative changes to deal with the problems.

Among the possible solutions, he said, are regulating the manner in which automated and live call centres are used to contact voters and ensuring exorbitant legal costs don't prevent individuals from challenging dubious election results.

The investigation into complaints of robocalls during last spring's election is continuing but, regardless of its outcome, Mayrand said the agency intends to recommend improvements to the Canada Elections Act to deal with the use of new technologies. That includes the use of phone banks.

Mayrand said Elections Canada is also moving to address problems exposed by a recent court ruling that overturned the result in Toronto's Etobicoke Centre.

Judge Thomas Lederer set aside 79 ballots due to clerical errors, primarily involving improperly filled-out voter registration and vouching certificates, some of which have disappeared altogether.

The Conservatives, who won the riding by just 26 votes, are appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court.

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Flurry of complaints

1,100

In the robocall case, Mayrand told a House of Commons committee that Elections Canada has now received 1,100 complaints from voters who say they received harassing or misleading phone calls directing them to phoney polling stations during last spring's election.

By thunder, that's a rainstorm

Talk about water, water everywhere.... Thunder Bay got more than its share this week. Heavy rains and flooding forced the city to declare a state of emergency as homes were flooded and sewer systems worked at full capacity. Here, city workers Steve Alexander and Silvio Pratola clear debris from a storm drain.

BRENT LINTON/THUNDER BAY CHRONICLE-JOURNAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soaring toll

70,000 seals were killed in this year's hunt, minister says

Newfoundland and Labrador's fisheries minister says 70,000 harp seals have been killed during this year's commercial seal hunt.

That's nearly twice the number killed last year.

Darin King told the provincial legislature that 680 sealers took part in this year's hunt, which had an allowable catch of 400,000.

About 38,000 harp seals were killed last year.

King says he believes the higher catch level reflects an opening of markets in Asia, an argument animal-rights groups contest.

Earlier this year, the provincial government announced a $3.6-million loan to Carino Processing Ltd., a seal-products company, in a bid to kick-start the hunt. The funds went toward buying seal pelts and blubber.

The hunt normally opens in March around the Magdalen Islands and Prince Edward Island and later off the east coast of Newfoundland. It's usually over by May.

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The old, the young and the age of change

Census. Toddlers bust a move, but the oldsters just keep on coming, and the implications are only beginning to sink in

Canada is becoming a nation of the aging and the very young.

New census data shows Canada now has a higher proportion of seniors than ever before — a development that has crept up on society with far-reaching implications for health, finance, policy and everyday family relationships.

At the same time, the latest tranche of 2011 census information shows a surprising 11 per cent resurgence of toddlers — a burst of growth in the under-five population that is a complete reversal of trend-lines a decade ago and is rejuvenating every region of the country.

"I wouldn't call it a baby boom, although I think we can call it a significant increase," Laurent Martel, a demography expert at Statistics Canada, said in an interview.

Generally, though, the census shows in great detail what most people already know intuitively: Canada is aging quickly as the baby boomers mature.

The population of over-65ers has surged to nearly five million over the past five years, growing 14.1 per cent since the last official count, Statistics Canada says.

That's more than double the 5.9-per-cent increase for the population as a whole.

It's a trend that's poised to take on momentum. That's because near-seniors — people aged 60 to 64 — grew faster than any other group. Their population soared 29.1 per cent over the past five years, a pattern that will persist as they move up the age ladder.

They are the oldest edge of the baby-boom generation that includes three out of 10 Canadians, and has so dramatically shaped Canada's landscape for decades.

Young people, on the other hand, are a stagnating generation — despite the torrent of toddlers. The under-15 cohort is barely expanding, having edged up just 0.5 per cent over the past five years.

Children under 15 make up just 16.7 per cent of the population now, while seniors are at a record high of 14.8 per cent, and growing.

In just four years, Canada will face what demographers have dubbed "the cross-over": The day when there are more seniors than children.

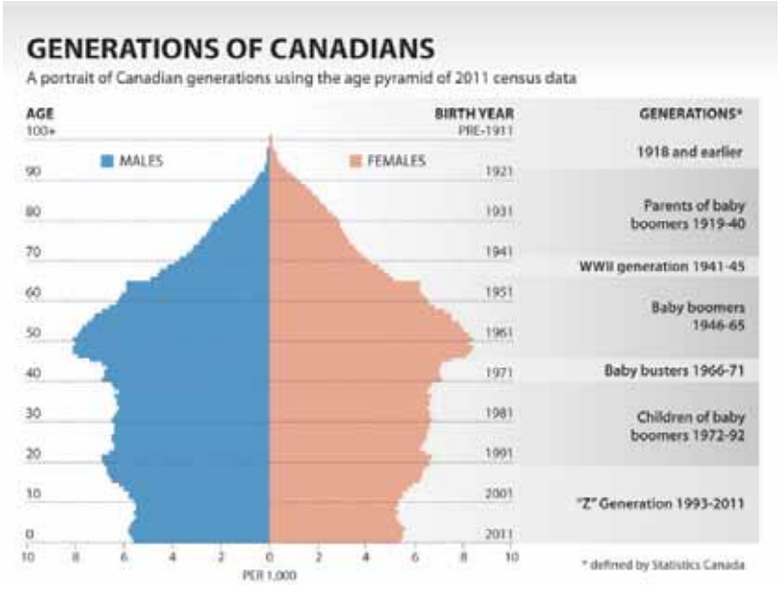
The median age in Canada is now 40.6, the oldest ever, up from 39.5 five years ago and from 33.5 two decades ago.

Canada's population aging is a mix of longer lives and a growing number of people in their senior years, Martel said.

In 2011, there were 4,870 women and 955 men aged 100 or more — the second-fastest growing age group with a 25.7-per-cent rate of expansion. By 2031, StatsCan projects the number of centenarians will reach 17,000, rising to close to 80,000 by 2061 as the bulk of the remaining baby boomers moves into the triple digits.

Compared to other G8 countries, Canada's population is relatively young, and the proportion of seniors in Canada is among the lowest in the G8.

That's about to change, Martel warned: Canada had a bigger baby boom than other countries, and as people retire in droves, Canada's aging trend will pick up speed. THE CANADIAN PRESS



By the numbers: Youngest vs. oldest communities

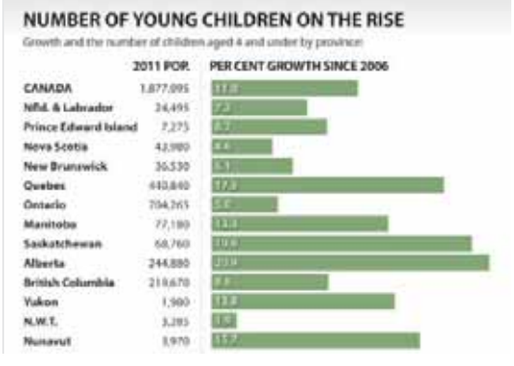
- **Top-5 youngest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

  Mackenzie County, Alta.: 22.6 years
  Hanover, Man.: 27 years
  Grande Prairie, Alta.: 30.3 years
  Petawawa, Ont.: 30.4 years
  Cold Lake, Alta.: 30.5 years

- **Top-5 oldest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)**

  Parksville, B.C.: 58.2 years
  Elliot Lake, Ont.: 57.1 years
  Sidney, B.C.: 56.9 years
  White Rock, B.C.: 53.8 years
  North Saanich, B.C.: 53.7 years

Source: Statistics Canada (Based on median age)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Birth rate

Canada's baby bump is showing

More Canadians, it seems, are changing dirty diapers, serving up spoonfuls of mushy peas and getting tongue-tied over Dr. Seuss books before bed, if the latest census figures from Statistics Canada are any indication.

Previously released population statistics show more people in Canada are having children. The national birth rate increased slightly from 1.59 in 2006 to 1.67 in 2009. In Alberta, the rate is among the highest of the provinces; it was 1.8 in 2010.

Not surprisingly, the latest increase was felt most profoundly in the Prairies, which have become magnets for job-seeking, working-age families looking for a place to put down roots.

In Alberta, the growth rate among kids four and under was 20.9 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan at 19.6 per cent. Quebec also posted a strong increase at 17.5 per cent, as did Nunavut at 15.7 per cent.

Another reason for Canada's baby bump may simply be that there are more moms. Statistics Canada attributed the spike to modestly higher fertility rates in most regions, as well as a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — traditional child-rearing years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web

Go to metronews.ca/features to:

- Take the census 2011 quiz.
- Check out the interactive graphic on population projections by age and sex from 1971-2061.
- See the communities map for an interactive breakdown of the data city by city.
- **Watch videos.** Canadians say just "how old is old?"; seniors give longevity tips.

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0.99:1
The ratio of people aged 15-24 compared to people aged 55-64 in 2011. In 1931, that ratio stood at 2.95:1.
2016
The year Statistics Canada projects children under 14 will, for the first time, be outnumbered by seniors. This despite the efforts of a very active Alberta, which saw an increase of 20.9 per cent in the number of children aged four and under between 2006 and 2011.
5,825
The number of people in Canada aged 100 and older in 2011. Centenarians have been on the rise over the last decade, with 3,795 in 2001. But a big jump is coming, according to Statistics Canada projections, with the country on its way to seeing 78,300 centenarians in 2061.
40.6
In years, Canada's median age in 2011 — the age at which one half the population is older and the other half is younger. In 2006, it was 39.5.

Women are turning the big, big wheels

Kolby Nepoose has had a lot of jobs at places that would probably sound familiar to many young women — grocery store, health-care centre, coffee shop, bank.

Eventually, though, the lure of sitting at a desk began to fade.

"I just found my work really tedious, sitting at the computer all day," said Nepoose, 25.

So she found something different — way different. She now works at Mammoet, a Dutch multinational that builds and operates heavy lift and transport equipment. Nepoose — booted, hard-hatted and overalled — is working towards a journeyman's ticket as a crane operator.

Workers like Nepoose are still rare: In 2007, only about two per cent of those employed in non-service-sector trades were women. But those numbers are increasing.

JudyLynn Archer is trying to be part of that solution. She leads an Edmonton organization called Women Building Futures, which offers pre-apprenticeship programs to introduce women to trades from carpentry to welding to pipefitting.

A total of 3,000 women contacted Women Building Futures last year looking for information on the trades. About 190 from across Canada are expected to graduate this year, almost all directly into jobs or apprenticeships.

Renee Jones, first-year apprentice crane operator, is seen on a RT 65-tonne crane that she operates at Mammoet, in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

Women "drive with less ego."

JudyLynn Archer of Women Building Futures, who said employers tell her women are easier on heavy equipment — more vigilant with preventative maintenance and safety checks and gentler on the huge and hugely expensive tires the big stuff rolls on.

"If we had 2,000 today, they could all be placed, working," Archer said. "The demand is unbelievable."

Women are fitting in just fine on job sites across the province, she added.

Companies "are very happy with their female employees. They show up every day, they have a strong attention to detail and they're more loyal."

Still, she said, employers are just starting to see women as part of the solution to Canada's coming shortage of skilled labour.

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WHERE THE SENIORS ARE

A look at the Top 10 communities (population 10,000 or more) with the largest proportion of seniors, according to 2011 census data:

How old is old? 'It's how you feel'

Ask Alan Wilson to define "old" and he answers with a hearty chuckle.

"It's just a number; it's how you feel," said Wilson, a spry 82-year-old who teaches line-dancing classes at a seniors' recreation centre in Peterborough, Ont.

"I had a heart attack 10 years ago and that didn't hold me back at all."

To Wilson and many of his friends, being old is a state of mind — one that Canada's increasingly active senior set is choosing to ignore as the leading edge of the baby boom reaches the traditional retirement age of 65.

So, it's a fair question: How old is old?

The point at which health concerns become real-life realities is when a person can truly be considered "old," said Susan Eng, vice-president for advocacy at the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), Canada's leading seniors' advocacy organization.

"Where the rubber hits the road is when old becomes a limitation," said Eng.

And rather than deny that true old age — with its eventual drawbacks — will hit them one day, it's vital that modern seniors embrace their aging, she added.

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Quarterly measure of home affordability deteriorates: RBC

Mortgages. Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa follow same trend; affordability unchanged in Calgary, improved in Edmonton compared with the fourth quarter of 2011

It's getting more difficult to pay for the costs of owning a home in Canada and the situation will likely worsen, the Royal Bank said Tuesday.

The RBC reports that rising house prices were responsible for a modest deterioration in home affordability in the first few months of 2012 after two quarterly improvements, but warns that rising interest rates are the more pressing concern long-term.

RBC's affordability index for a detached bungalow stood at 43.1 per cent of income nationally in the first quarter, up 0.8 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2011 and up 1.5 percentage points from the first quarter of 2011. That figure assumes an average home price of $360,500 for a 1,200-square-foot, one-storey house and $77,900 in annual qualifying income. Based on those figures, an owner would need to spend 43.1 per cent of annual income to pay for mortgage payments, utilities and property taxes.

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Modest stress

Since 1985 when RBC first began to measure affordability, RBC's affordability index for a detached bungalow has averaged 39.4 per cent of income nationally, so the current 43.1 level nationally shows modest stress.

- In British Columbia, however, the current measure of 68.6 is well above the 49.8 average, which suggests home prices are likely to decline.
- In Toronto, the index deteriorated by 1.2 percentage points to 53.4 per cent based on $110,000 in annual income; in Montreal, the cost of ownership increased 1.2 percentage points to 41.4 per cent of income at $64,100; and in Ottawa it was up 0.9 per cent to 41.8 per cent of income at $88,800.

Bombardier hopes to turn slumping sector

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty tries his hand at aircraft assembly during a media tour of Bombardier's manufacturing facility in Toronto on Tuesday to celebrate 20 years of manufacturing, research, development and investment in Ontario. The CEO of transportation giant Bombardier Inc. believes that, with some innovation, Ontario can turn around a slump in its manufacturing sector, adding that his company has enough work orders to maintain staffing levels at its plants in the province. Bombardier first invested in the province through the purchase of de Havilland and the Urban Transportation Development Corp. in 1992 during another crisis in the manufacturing sector.

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Chromebooks

Google to release new laptops

Google will try to win more converts to a computer operating system revolving around its popular Chrome web browser with a new wave of lightweight laptops built by Samsung Electronics.

Unlike most computers, Google's Chromebooks don't have a hard drive. They function like terminals dependent on an Internet connection. The laptops come with 16 gigabytes of flash memory — the kind found in smartphones, tablet computers and some iPods. Two USB ports allow external hard drives and other devices to be plugged into the machines.

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Online piracy

Dutch lawmakers vote to reject treaty

Dutch lawmakers adopted a motion Tuesday urging the government not to sign a controversial international treaty aimed at reining in online piracy, another setback for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement.

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Energy sector. Report warns of labour shortage

A report warns an aging workforce and a booming energy sector are going to pose a serious challenge for oil and gas companies looking for workers over the next few years.

The Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada says the industry will have to fill at least 9,500 jobs by 2015.

The report says the energy industry is at risk of losing about three per cent of its workforce overall because of persistently low natural gas prices. But it says growth in certain operations and age-related attrition will offset any job losses and lead to increased hiring needs. The outlook projects employment in Alberta's oilsands to jump by 29 per cent over 2011 levels, or roughly 5,850 jobs. The pipeline sector will add about 530 jobs over the same time period.

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Quoted

"Age is a factor that you just can't tinker with too easily ... so it is serious."

Cheryl Knight, executive director and CEO of the petroleum council

Q1 losses. RIM hires firms to review business

Research In Motion says it has hired two outside firms to advise on the BlackBerry-maker's troubled business and financial performance.

The Waterloo, Ont.-based company said Tuesday that both J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and RBC Capital Markets have been brought on board as it expects to face an operating loss in the first quarter.

"The ongoing competitive environment is impacting our business in the form of lower volumes and highly competitive pricing dynamics in the marketplace," chief executive Thorsten Heins said in a release. "We expect our Q1 results to reflect this, and likely result in an operating loss for the quarter."

The announcement came after the close of markets. RIM ended Tuesday nine cents higher to $11.48 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

In after-hours trading on the Nasdaq, RIM shares were down 12 per cent, or $1.33, to US$9.90.

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Russian researchers discover massive new cyber-weapon

'Flame.' Virus can turn infected computers into listening devices and even have them suck info out of nearby cellphones

A massive data-slurping cyber-weapon is circulating in the Middle East, a Russian Internet-security firm reported Monday, saying that computers in Iran appear to have been particularly affected.

The virus, dubbed "Flame," is unprecedented both in terms of its size and complexity, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab ZAO reported, saying it possesses the ability to turn infected computers into listening devices and even suck information out from nearby cellphones.

The announcement sent a ripple of excitement across the computer-security sector. Flame is the third major cyber-weapon discovered in the past two years, and Kaspersky's conclusion that it was crafted at the behest of a national government fuelled speculation that the virus could be part of an Israeli-backed campaign of electronic sabotage aimed at archrival Iran.

Some evidence suggests that the people behind Flame also helped craft Stuxnet, a notorious virus that disrupted controls of some nuclear centrifuges in Iran in 2010, according to Ilan Froimovici, the technical director at Power Communications, which represents Kaspersky in Israel.

The two codes "use the same vulnerabilities in the operating system and the computer infrastructure in order to infect the computer system. We do believe that the same programmers built the two codes," he said. Stuxnet revolutionized the cybersecurity field because it targeted physical infrastructure rather than data, one of the first demonstrations of how savvy hackers can take control of industrial systems to wreak havoc.

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'Very unusual' virus

Alan Woodward, a professor of computing at the University of Surrey in southern England, compared the virus to a smartphone — depending on what kind of espionage you want to carry out, "you just add apps."

- He said Flame can turn an infected computer into a kind of "industrial vacuum cleaner," copying data from vulnerable cellphones or other devices left near it.

New Nest knows best temp

The Nest Learning Thermostat, shown above, went on sale for Canadians on Tuesday for $249 US — the first country outside the U.S. to get access to the buzzed-about product. Company co-founder Tony Fadell — the lead designer of the iconic iPods and iPhones before leaving Apple in 2005 — thinks Canadian homeowners are ready to spring for a high-tech, premium-priced thermostat, just as they've embraced Apple's slick but pricey smartphones and tablets. The Nest doesn't need to be programmed and instead learns what temperatures owners like to keep their home at during different times. After a few days, the unit will be able to go on auto-pilot and automatically shift the temperature up and down, Fadell said. It can also sense when the house is empty and turn down the furnace or air conditioner, or users can remotely make adjustments with a web browser or app. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

Wall Street

Facebook stock falls below $30 US

Facebook's stock has fallen below $30 US for the first time since its much-awaited public debut this month.

The stock fell $2.40, or nearly eight per cent, to $29.40 in midday trading on Tuesday. That's down 23 per cent since its public stock debut. It went as low as $29.23 earlier in the day. Facebook Inc. began trading publicly on May 18 following one of the most anticipated stock offerings in history.

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DADS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS

JUST SAYIN'
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Justin Halpern is a testament to the power of Twitter.

A lovable loser who was dumped by his girlfriend, he moved back home and started mining his father's advice, salted liberally with profanity, and tweeting it to his followers, who grew into the millions.

Eventually, that turned into a book contract, then a book called S--t My Dad Says, then a sitcom starring William Shatner as "Dad," now another book, this one called I Suck at Girls. And he has already sold the TV rights.

As Dad says: "Any idiot can get lucky once. Takes a special idiot to get lucky twice." Gee, thanks.

Father-son code

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me: 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

Oh, and Justin eventually got — and married — the girl, so maybe he doesn't actually suck at girls.

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me: 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

After a while, the charm of wondering whether any request for advice was going to be met with either option 1) or 2) wore off, and I stopped asking. I mean, I already had three jobs and always passed the salt. As far as I could tell, following instructions failed to help with girls.

One of my earliest attempts at romance failed when the object of my affections said I'd make "some girl a great husband." Which at the time sounded like a crushing put-down. Which it was. Even worse, I'm not even sure my actual wife would agree.

Justin says that when his wife-to-be broke up with him the first time, it was his lucky day. Otherwise, he never would have moved back home and tweeted Dirty Dad to riches and fame.

I had the same kind of bittersweet formative love life: When I was 16, I met a terrific girl with terrific red hair and a terrific itsy-bitsy, teeny-weenie yellow polka-dot bikini. Unfortunately, she also came with a psychopath named Ray who owned a Harley.

So I was curious what Sam Halpern had to say about the inhabitants of Venus.

Here's the cleanest I could find. "No, you can be ugly and get laid. You just gotta be willing to sc--w someone uglier than you." Dad's a real piece of work.

I Suck at Girls is shot through with similarly colourful bromides. At one point, when he was nine, Justin asked Sam to explain the birds and the bees. "No," said Sam. "You don't even have hair on your balls."

I think I prefer "pass the salt" and "get a job."

According to a recent survey, Justin and I aren't the only ones getting bad advice from Dad. Turns out only 31 per cent of Canadian women actually experience an orgasm during sex, compared to 84 per cent of men.

Maybe we should all just get a job instead.

Justin Halpern FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

Royal portrait is rubbish

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Royalist art

The Queen has a button nose — literally

Jane Perkins
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Artist Jane Perkins has created three portraits of the Queen made from unwanted buttons, beads and small plastic toys.

The triptych depicts the monarch in three stages of life: during her Coronation, Silver Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. The above two are for the Coronation and Diamond Jubilee. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Perkins on her Queen art

- **Sum of many parts.** "I honestly cannot say how many separate items I have used in these portraits. Generally speaking, I use everything from small plastic toys, beads, broken jewelry, buttons, bottle tops and other small found objects to create my art. I get these materials from car boot sales and charity shops that can't sell them. I started out doing this art while making brooches in my final year in my degree in textiles. I was inspired by headdresses from Ecuador used in religious processions, many of which have been made from Barbie-doll parts. While I don't consider myself an ardent royalist, I have enjoyed making the portraits of the Queen, particularly as making the crown with different shiny objects can be a very creative process."
- **How it's all pieced together.** "It doesn't take too long to make one portrait — only two weeks. First, I blow up an image of the person to a 70-by-50-centimetre size, and start sticking the various objects on top of the blow-ups themselves. As the colour of the blow-up photocopy is often faded, I always have an 'original,' smaller but higher-resolution image to work from. This way, I can stay true to the original colours of the portraits when I add my items."
- **Artistic philosophy.** "I have serious views about recycling and reusing materials. We're drowning in so much unwanted stuff."

In numbers

129

is the number of portraits the Queen has sat down for during her reign. Lucien Freud's portrayal in 2001 proved to be the most controversial, with critics describing the sober likeness as "extremely unflattering."

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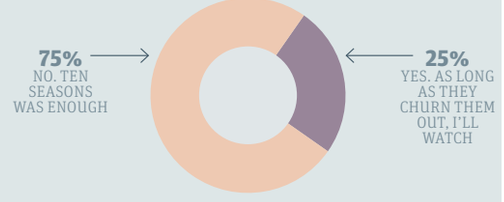

Twitter

@kimhorne: Wifi at the Ottawa Convention Center starts at $30 a day. Hahahahaha no.

@hillary_mcleod: Another severe thunderstorm watch for Ottawa. Perfect day for a white skirt I think! #whatwasithinking

@timesse1976: Ah to hell with it! I'm wearing a parka with shorts for the rest of summer! #unpredictable Weather in #ottawa

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Scene in brief

Citytv fall lineup

The addition of late night host Jimmy Kimmel and the arrival of Katie Couric's daytime talk show are among the highlights of Citytv's fall shows. Upcoming offerings include the buddy comedy Partners, the odd-couple sibling sitcom Ben and Kate, Mindy Kaling's single-camera The Mindy Project and Reba McEntire's Malibu Country. Citytv says returning sitcoms include New Girl, 2 Broke Girls, Suburgatory, Don't Trust the B-- in Apartment 23 and Last Man Standing.

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On the web

Barenaked Ladies frontman Ed Robertson co-hosts Live! With Kelly

'We wanted to have a formidable silhouette,' said costume designer Colleen Atwood. 'And from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything.' CONTRIBUTED

Evil thoughts and threads

Snow White and the Huntsman. Dressed to kill — Charlize Theron shines as a wicked queen in beautiful but 'treacherous' costumes

Charlize Theron's evil queen costumes for Snow White and the Huntsman called for hundreds of hand-cut rooster feathers, thousands of iridescent beetle wings from Thailand and one particularly imposing crown.

The outfits, some of which are on view at an LA pop-up gallery ahead of the film's June 1 opening, represented a host of firsts for Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood.

From the leather piping on the pleats of the queen's wedding gown to the gauzy green metal trim on the beetle-wing dress, the nine-time Oscar nominee and three-time winner experimented with materials for director Rupert Sanders' dark take on the classic fairy tale.

"The idea of the fairy tale sets you free in a way because you can make it up," Atwood said. "And I love to make up stuff." She created an armoured ensemble fit for a queen by dressing up chain mail with rolled leather and horsehair trim and topping it off with a particularly pointy metal crown.

"We wanted to have a formidable silhouette," Atwood said, "and from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything." (Theron stands nearly six feet tall, the designer added.)

In Sanders' version of the Snow White story, Kristen Stewart portrays the only woman in the land fairer than Theron's evil queen Ravenna. The queen dispatches a huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) to kill the young woman, but instead he becomes her mentor and protector.

Atwood took on the project after finishing work on Tim Burton's Dark Shadows, starring Johnny Depp. Atwood and Burton are frequent and successful collaborators. Her most recent Oscar was for his 2010 film Alice in Wonderland, and she earned nominations for her costumes in Burton's Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street and Sleepy Hollow.

Atwood's Snow White costumes are miles — and eras — away from Dark Shadows.

"They don't resemble each other in any way," she said, "so it was fun to shift from one to the other and have a whole different world to think about."

And slide right into. Snow White director Sanders said Atwood's wardrobes "blend seamlessly into this world, and they speak volumes about the world and its characters."

Theron agreed. From the wedding dress, with its architectural shoulders that appear to be made from bones, to the twice-embroidered gown that eventually resembles an old, peeling skin, Atwood's costumes reflect the evil queen's obsession with appearances.

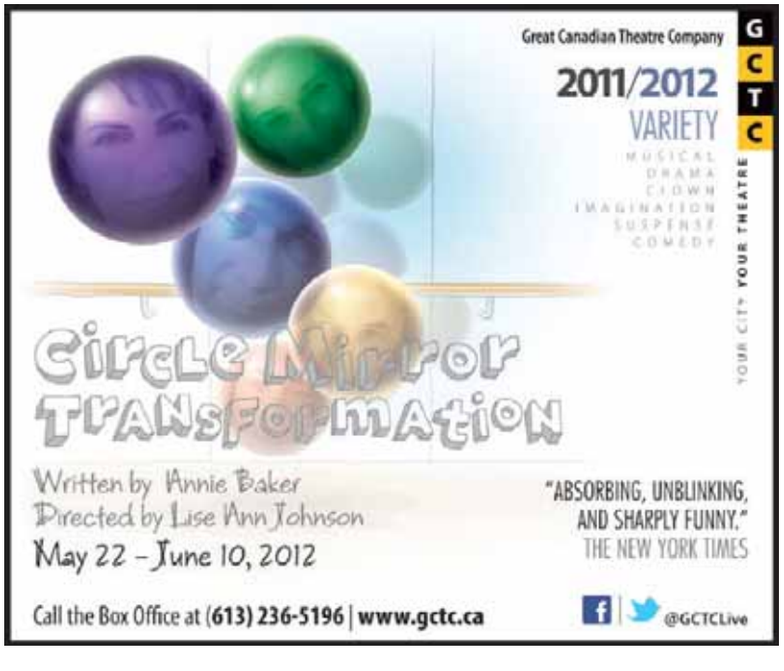
"Every costume had a feeling of not quite what it seems," Theron said. "In a way, these dresses were like torture devices for Ravenna. I love that because I feel like Ravenna was, in a way, more torturous toward herself than to the people she was killing."

To minimize the actual onset torture, Atwood employed a team of about 50 people to help the actors in and out of the elaborate costumes.

But the beetle wings remain dangerous. Thousands of the hard, brittle wings decorate the evil queen's regal dress of silk and metal mesh.

"They're incredibly sharp, so I had to be careful about how I used them. If you hit them, you can hurt yourself," the designer said.

"They're quite treacherous, which really suited the character." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Getting up close and personal: Christopher Lloyd stars as Mr. Goodman in Piranha 3DD HANDOUT

When our creature comforts desert us: A field guide for killer animal films

Piranha 3DD. In the hinterland who's who of cinema there are as many kinds of 'animals gone wild' movies as there are animals

IN FOCUS
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This weekend Piranha 3DD dusts off not one, but two nature attacks genres.

First and foremost it falls squarely into the 'death from the briny depths' category. In the movie blood-crazed prehistoric fish nibble their way through a fresh pack of nubile teenagers at a water park, joining the likes of Jaws (hungry shark on the beach species), Mako: Jaws of Death (psychic sharks) and Tentacles (angry squid gets even with calamari eaters) and Piranha, the 1978 film about man eating fish at a summer resort ("They're eating the guests, sir."). Frankenfish features a genetically engineered fish who is a double threat — it swims and walks on land!

Piranha 3DD also falls into the 'hungry primeval creature' sub-genre. Most famous of this genre is Grizzly, a 1976 movie about an ancient 18-foot bear who snacks on campers.

On the other end of the scale are the 'mutated bug' movies. Tired of being squished under foot these critters are the product of scientific research or radioactive mutation. Them! and Empire of the Ants see radioactively modified ants acting up, while William Shatner battles killer webslingers in Kingdom of the Spiders. In Spider one character sums up the plot with the line, "That spider is a killing machine!"

Alfred Hitchcock didn't invent the 'when-animals-attack' genre, but he helped create the 'we're mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore' (animal edition) variety.

Animals had gone wild on film before The Birds, but usually because they were tormented by their owners — King Kong — or victims of radiation — see 'chemically altered bug movies' — or hungry — Food of the Gods where giant chickens feed on humans — but Hitchcock's birds attack for no reason.

Next is the 'mother nature is angry' genus, and everyone knows it's best not to annoy Mother Earth. Everyone that is except the campers who learn that forest animals don't react kindly to having their home turned into a waste dump in Long Weekend.

And finally there's the 'animal cage match', seen in Frogs, in which members of a rich Southern family are massacred by all manner of animals — birds, lizards and even butterflies — in payback for ruining the environment.

Leading the charge are the frogs, who live up to the film's advertising slogan, "TODAY — the Pond! TOMORROW — the World!"

Angry birds

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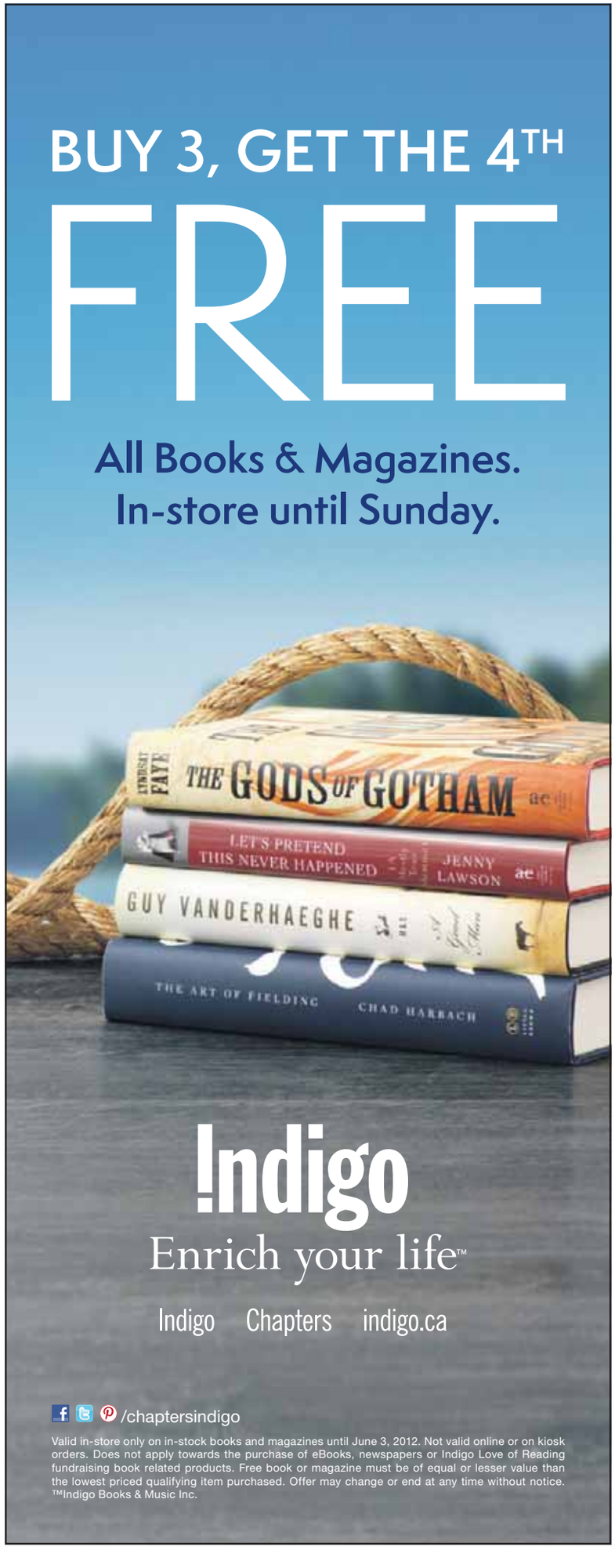
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Kirby takes a walk on the dark side

Canadian actor Luke Kirby stars in The Samaritan. HANDOUT

Movie. Luke Kirby shares his experiences from filming the dark drama The Samaritan

While working on his new film The Samaritan, actor Luke Kirby found a novel way to shake off the heaviness of the day's shooting.

"I found the experience of playing Ethan a bit heavy," he says. "No matter what you tell yourself, it has some sort of impact on you. You sort of have to mark the time you're there and mark the time that you're out in some way. Whatever it is. Like going to McDonald's for breakfast. Which is what it was for me because we were doing night shoots. That was how I stepped out."

Kirby plays a vengeful con man eager to learn the ropes from his criminal father's former partner. That man, Foley, is played by one of Kirby's idols, Samuel L. Jackson.

"He is so iconic and embedded in my memory from when I was becoming a fan of film," Kirby says.

"He shows up in all these movies. He's there in Do the Right Thing. He's there in Jurassic Park, Pulp Fiction. All these films that were coming out around that time, so I look up to him a great deal in that regard.

"It was a little bit nerve-wracking to meet him, but he is such a hard worker and so ready to work and such a nice man and so playful, that very quickly it became a partnership of trying to shed light on whoever these characters are."

But shedding light on a character who exists in the moral shadows was difficult for Kirby.

"I was sort of left a bit troubled by the character of Ethan," he says. "He's a bit disturbing and I couldn't really grasp what his motives were because his actions are so questionable. I think that is what really pulled me in. It made my brain feel all tricky so I wanted to get in there and figure out what was wrong with this kid."

The Samaritan is a puzzle, a complex story of eight million dollars, ex-cons, con games and murder all wedged between layers of lies and double-crosses.

"I was impressed with how (director David Weaver) was able to make a film that was tonally and visually very dark and yet not have it weighted down or become heavy.

"You don't want to give away the game," Kirby continues. "That was sort of the dance of it. I'm glad it comes across."

Quoted

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Actor Luke Kirby on working with Samuel L. Jackson.

Jeopardy! Another Peabody Award for Alex Trebek

Let's take "Breakfast" for $500: An Oh Henry! chocolate bar and a Diet Pepsi.

And here's the question: What did Alex Trebek consume a couple of hours before this breakfast interview?

"When I say 'the Breakfast of Champions,' I'm serious," he jokes as he orders just coffee.

A morning routine of candy and cola might not seem strange for someone other than Trebek. But for 28 years as host of Jeopardy he's blended likeability with an air of erudition and correctness. He's seemingly not the sort of guy who, at 71, might choose a wake-up menu better suited to a child whose mother's back is turned.

Trebek acknowledges the apparent contradiction, and, in his resonant, precise voice, is happy to cite another.

"People say, 'You look to be in great shape for your age,' and I guess I am," he allows — "except that I keep breaking things."

There's that darned Achilles tendon, which he tore last July chasing a woman who invaded his San Francisco hotel room and filched several items.

"It's been nine months, and it still kills me when I walk," Trebek says. "And I'm constantly injuring myself. Doing work around the house, you don't notice when you injure yourself. An hour later you say, 'Geez, I'm bleeding. How did that happen?'

"Except," he adds with a bit of comic timing, "if you bang your head, you notice. You should never wear a baseball cap when working in close quarters in the attic: you never see that beam above you!"

But if Trebek repairing his roof on a tottery ladder (result: a broken arm) seems out of character, so be it. In person, he is leading-man handsome in a natty grey suit; a model of calm and control, the perfect steward of TV's answer-and-question institution. (Check local listings for time and channel.)

The L.A.-based Trebek is in New York to receive a Peabody Award for electronic media, as Jeopardy joins other awardees that include serious documentaries, edgy comedies and high-toned dramas. "We're in some prestigious company," Trebek says. "But I think what makes Jeopardy special is that, among all the quiz and game shows out there, ours tends to encourage learning.

A lot of the stuff is trivia, but maybe a subject will come up that will arouse the viewers' curiosity and they'll want to find out more. We tell you it's OK to be bright, to know a lot of things, and to want to learn."

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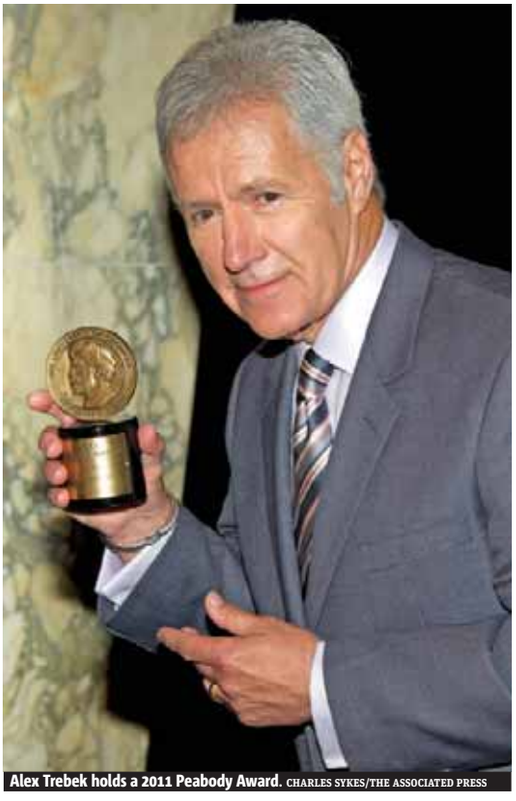
What's not to love? You have the security of a familiar environment, a familiar format, but you have the excitement of new clues and new contestants on every program

Alex Trebek



Alex Trebek holds a 2011 Peabody Award. CHARLES SYKES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dave Hill's new collection of personal essays is a charming snapshot of the comedian's ups and downs. HANDOUT

Tears of a clown: A comedian's story

Tasteful Nudes...
Collection of candid personal essays, funny and poignant, highlight comedian's misadventures and triumphs

JIM FENNER
Metro World News New York

Dave Hill may have the unassuming face of a man who could give you solid tax advice, but be forewarned. He is in fact a snapping Cerberus, a riotous triumvirate of comedy, heavy metal and velvet suits. The comedian whose biographical gamut includes several long-running stage shows, appearances on This American Life, rock collaborations with Moby and a budding bro-mance with Dick Cavett, unleashes his proverbial beast in Tasteful Nudes...and Other Misguided Attempts at Personal Growth and Validation, a "tell-some" collection of personal essays. At turns hilarious and poignant, blusterous and self-effacing, the book covers some of the misadventures and moments of triumph — after all, we don't all get to tour Japan — that help forms Hill into the irresistibly likable goofball his fans know today.

You're known as the King of Metal, talk shows and podcasts. Are you now the king of books?
That's the plan. I wanted to establish my dominance in another medium. I've had only like three goals in my life. My first goal was to have a rock band, have a record deal and a video on MTV. So, boom, I did that. I've been wanting to write a book for 10 or 12 years, but I got so completely sidetracked with everything else. Recently though, I thought, "Oh shit! What if they stop making books? I better get on that!"

It's 2012, man. The Mayans are coming for the books first.
Yeah, exactly! Books might cease to exist. And now, my only other goal is to get one of those Newfoundland dogs. They just make me so happy. I had an idea years ago for a business called "Rent-A-Pup" where you could rent a dog, but then someone actually did it in Japan. My business model was like, a Newfoundland would be the same price as two terriers.

Two out of three ain't bad. You met your goal with putting out the book — what next?
I'm hoping to become wildly rich. It would be good in general, but specifically, it would be great to just get the dog. I hope that people that would like the book find out about it. And buy it. And read it. I think it has wide appeal — to young AND old! You probably have to be at least 13 to read it because of all the F-bombs.

There are a ton of F-Bombs. But they're sweet F-bombs.
That's the most scandalous thing in the book, I think. There's the prostitute that I don't have sex with (the subject of the title story Tasteful Nudes). Oh! And, as a follow up, I recently spoke with her and she got out of the business. She got in touch with me to tell me. She started her own business that doesn't involve having sex for money.

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Amanda Bynes ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Amanda Bynes defends herself after news of third hit-and-run

It's just now coming to light that Amanda Bynes may have been involved in a third hit-and-run incident in April — just four days after her arrest for driving under the influence following her hitting a police car, according to TMZ.

A woman says a BMW slammed into her car on the 101 freeway on April 10, then sped off. While the woman gave chase, she was only able to get the license plate number, which police traced to a rental car that had been hired by Bynes. The woman identified Bynes as the driver using her mug shot from her recent arrest.

Quoted

"I cant help but laugh at all of you writing fake stories about me. I was not in any hit-and-runs"

Amanda Bynes

Jessica Biel

Jessica Biel says wedded bliss won't change her life

Jessica Biel admits she isn't expecting a whole new life once she marries Justin Timberlake.

"To me, nothing will really change, because I'm almost never home," she tells Gala magazine. "But when I am home, I enjoy cooking."

So what exactly does the actress like to make? "I especially love making cupcakes," she says. Biel also describes herself as "someone who lets things happen naturally," so don't expect a baby right away from the famous couple.

The Word

Wayne Coyne shows us a new side of Erykah Badu

THE WORD
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Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of Erykah Badu, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face. The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

She's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit Express Yourself for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, Madonna mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into Lady Gaga's Born This Way.

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knock-off when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of Express Yourself.

We're not sure what to think here: playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

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Robert De Niro

Robert De Niro offers career advice to grads

Robert De Niro received an honourary doctorate from Bates College in Maine this weekend, and he gave some interesting advice.

"I think this is the most important piece of advice you'll get today: become a movie star," De Niro told the crowd, according to the Bangor Daily News.

"You might be tempted by other careers, other interests, other commitments. There might be pressure on you to change the world, but you want to find the strength to resist. When I started, I wasn't a movie star, and it sucked. The moment I became a movie star, things started to get better."

Bar Refaeli

Bar Refaeli dishes on her celebrity crushes

A few years with Leonardo DiCaprio has apparently made Bar Refaeli choosy when it comes to men.

"Justin Bieber and I are going to get married some day," she tells Us Weekly at the Maxim magazine Hot 100 party. (Refaeli came in at No. 1, by the way.) "I also like Tom Cruise. He's very classy. I liked him in Jerry Maguire and in roles like that." And while Refaeli's tastes skew A-list, they're not confined to men, as the Israeli model admits she has a massive girl-crush on Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence. "She's natural, she's down to earth. I think she's all that."

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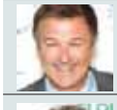

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The top five arty hotels

A crappy reproduction of Van Gogh's Sunflowers just doesn't cut it in a boutique hotel trying to attract high-end, culturally sdemanding guests. Here are some hotels that combine style with the feel of an art gallery.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Hotel La Belle Juliette, Paris, France

In 2005, the photography-loving owners of Hotels Paris Rive Gauche, a group of boutique hotel gems in the French capital, commissioned photographers to capture the essence of a night's stay at one of their hotels in a single shot. The project proved such a hit that it inspired an annual "A hotel photo, an artist's view" photo prize and exhibition, to support up-and-coming photographers. Each month a different young photographer is invited to give their take on a night's stay at a HPRG hotel; the results are shown on phpa.fr and in an annual show in a gallery. hotel-belle-juliette-paris.com

Town Hall Hotel, London, England

The owners of this imposing hotel in the former Bethnal Green Town Hall commissioned seven artists to create works as it was being built. They integrate sensitively with the original features from the 1910s and 1930s and reflect the building's rich history; the art here is built into the hotel. So Debbie Lawson's wooden veneer Victorian-era ladies of the night are discreetly inlaid into the parquet floor that runs along the first floor corridor, and Zoe Mendelson's artwork lights up the 1930s original Town Hall safe in the reception. townhallhotel.com

The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto

Not only are the 37 rooms in Toronto's artiest and oldest continuously-operating hotel designed by artists, but the entire building is dedicated to art. A full-time curator organizes exhibitions in the four galleries, and the hotel hosts around 100 art events and exhibitions every year, as well as live performances, comedy, gigs, burlesque and creative courses. More than 4,000 art lovers flock to the annual Come Up To My Room festival, when artists and designers display their works, with sculptures throughout the corridors, the guestrooms and generally imposing their presence on the hotel's public spaces for four days. gladstonehotel.com

Gramercy Park Hotel, New York

It's not every night that you get to sleep beneath one of Damien Hirst's spin paintings, but you can do that at the Gramercy Park Hotel. This is hotel meets art museum. The flamboyant interiors of this grand hotel were reconceived by designer Ian Schrager and painter Julian Schnabel, whose work hangs above the fireplace. Priceless works are littered throughout this wildly creative space, from Basquiats and Andy Warhols discreetly hung in lounges alongside bespoke designer furniture pieces, to a vast scarlet Cy Twombly canvas in the lounge. gramercyparkhotel.com

The Saxon Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

This luxurious hotel in Johannesburg has a strong sense of its African heritage – Nelson Mandela moved in here after he was released from his prison ordeal and wrote his famous autobiography, The Long Road to Freedom. The hotel recently invested in a significant collection of African art, acquiring more than 200 original artworks created by 11 emerging and established South African artists, giving guests the chance to fully immerse themselves in African culture. saxon.co.za

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

When you can't take Fido...

When you travel and have to leave your dog behind, you can call a kennel, hire a pet sitter — or find him a new friend online. The website DogVacay debuted in New York and Los Angeles in March and, just in time for the summer travel season, is now available throughout the United States and Canada. The site lets pet owners look up hosts in the area who will care for a dog in their own homes, giving a pet the food, exercise and attention you would give if you stayed home — sort of a doggy version of couch-surfing, for an average price of $25 to $30 a day. Hosts are checked out and interviewed by DogVacay and every owner and dog is encouraged to meet the host. The Santa Monica-based company was founded by Aaron and Karine Nissim Hirschhorn. In two months it has grown to over 4,000 hosts in two countries and from five employees to 13, Hirschhorn said. Visit dogvacay.com for more information.

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On the web

Montreal's Ritz-Carlton shows off results of $200-million restoration.

Iceberg tours offer a prehistoric taste of the last ice age

Newfoundland. Nature's frozen sculptures from another era make for great sightseeing on the east coast

Six weeks after the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster showcased Iceberg Alley off Newfoundland, an early and plentiful show of the glacial sculptures is drawing visitors from around the world.

Tourists from Japan, South Africa, Europe, the U.S. and across Canada are lining up for their chance to admire these mammoth relics from the last ice age.

Huge white-and-aqua-blue blocks carved by wind and waves into towering pillars, contoured slabs and smooth Henry Moore-like shapes now dot the province's coastlines.

Capt. Barry Rogers, co-owner and operator of Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours with his wife Carol Anne Hayes, says it has already been the best iceberg viewing season off St. John's in recent years.

"Normally our season is the latter part of May and June.

"We've been doing iceberg tours since May 9, and with full boats," he said of the vessel that's equipped with a life raft for 75 people along with personal flotation devices. It typically carries between about 30 and 50 passengers, he said.

On a recent tour, Rogers steered the boat through St. John's Harbour, past the colourful clapboard houses of the Battery that hug Signal Hill, through the Narrows and out into the open North Atlantic. Cruising at about eight knots past Cape Spear's iconic flashing lighthouse, the most easterly point of North America, it wasn't long before relatively small but hazardous chunks of ice, or "bergy bits," could be seen in the water.

These rock-hard blocks of ice are feared by mariners for their ability to slice even the strongest hull like a can opener. Rogers said bergy bits are a major reason why he avoids night trips at this time of year.

Melting pieces of ice less than five metres long are called "growlers" for the sounds they make, "like a saucy dog" as they release air, he added.

A bit farther out, the boat's radar picked up something that was soon seen rising up from the water ahead. It was a tabular iceberg, about 90-metres long and 45-metres wide, flat on the surface where icy dust was visible alongside deepening crevices and cracks. Melt-water rushed off in places like small rivers.

"Awesome!" was the response from several passengers as Rogers asked what they thought.

"We're looking at 600 to 700 feet of water underneath us right now," the captain said, urging them to envision that 90 per cent of the berg's mass is submerged.

Rogers described over a microphone how the big slab likely split from glaciers that cover much of Greenland. They form a thick ice coating that creeps down hills and ridges, breaking off with a booming crash as it reaches the sea. Resulting bergs are believed to be at least 12,000-year-old frozen samples of some of the purest water on earth. They float because they're less dense than sea water.

Tourists are especially fascinated with icebergs because of the Titanic and a surging interest in Newfoundland and Labrador thanks to a hit advertising campaign, Rogers said. The International Ice Patrol, formed after a relatively small berg sank the great ship on April 15, 1912, to this day reports the movement of sea ice for those navigating these dangerous waters.

One crew member armed with a large fishing net captured a chunk of ice to chip into prehistoric cocktails.

"We sprinkle rum over the 12,000-year-old ice," Rogers said. "Where else would you get to consume something that's from the ice ages?"

Shane Sweeney, a crane operator from Peterborough, N.H., has seen glaciers in Alaska but was impressed with what he saw off Newfoundland. "Most places you go in the world you're not going to see ice floating around like that."

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If you go...

- **Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours with locations in St. John's, N.L. and Twillingate, N.L.:** icebergquest.com or 1-709-722-1888.
- **Northland Discovery Boat Tours, St Anthony, N.L.:** discovernorthland.com or 1-877-632-3747.
- **Iceberg tracker information, Anthony, N.L.:** icebergfinder.com

Steve Lake, a crew member aboard Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours, holds up an iceberg chunk estimated to be at least 12,000 years old that was set to be chipped into cocktails. MIKE WERT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nathan Stanley and Steve Lake look at an iceberg in the North Atlantic aboard Iceberg Quest Ocean Tours. MIKE WERT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Black Cod. Asparagus and creme fraîche walnut sauce makes this one delicious meal

Simple, light and delicious, this recipe combines fresh herbs and spices that perfectly complement the rich butter flavour of the fish.

The combo of creme fraiche and walnuts add a crunchy twist to a delicately spiced, classic meal.

The creamy walnut sauce can also be served on top of chicken breasts or turkey. It makes a delicious vegetable dip as well.

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) walnut pieces, coarsely chopped
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) creme fraîche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) walnut or olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, chopped
- 4 small potatoes, thinly sliced
- 20 asparagus spears, trimmed
- 4 pieces (each 150 g/4 oz) black cod

1. Cut 4 circles of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches in diameter); set aside.

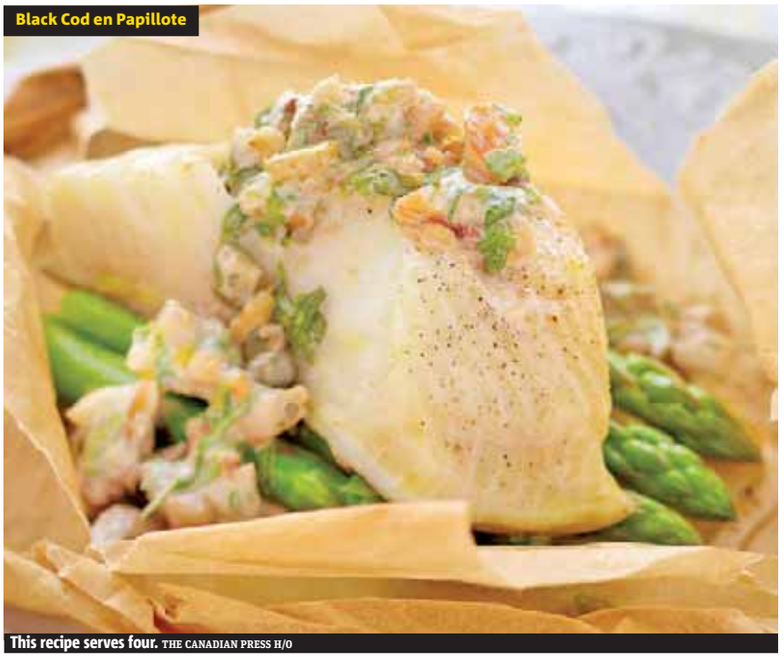
2. In a bowl, combine walnuts, tarragon, creme fraiche, Dijon mustard, vinegar, walnut oil and capers; set aside.

3. Fold one parchment round in half and unfold. Spread one sliced potato in the centre of the bottom half of parchment. Place five asparagus spears on top of the potato and then lay the black cod on the asparagus.

4. Spoon 1/4 of the walnut mixture on top of the cod and fold the top half of parchment over. Seal edges by twisting and pressing the edges together in a half moon pattern. Repeat with remaining pieces of cod.

5. Place parchment packets on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 to 25 minutes until parchment is lightly browned.

6. Remove from oven. Carefully cut a slit in the top of the packets, taking care as contents will be hot and steam may escape. Tear back edges of paper to reveal fish and serve. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WALNUTINFO.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)


Black Cod en Papillote

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Drink of the Week

Watermelon Mojitos

1. In a tall glass, place mint. Using back of a wooden spoon, muddle. In blender, purée watermelon, 20 seconds. In a cocktail glass, combine watermelon, cherry syrup, lime juice and rum. Stir. Add ice and top with sparkling water. Serve immediately.

- 3 fresh mint sprigs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) watermelon purée
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cherry-flavoured syrup or grenadine
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) freshly squeezed lime juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) light rum
- Ice cubes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chilled sparkling water or club soda

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Steam your way to healthy and fat-free fish options

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Admittedly, steamed fish doesn't exactly scream mouth-watering. But what it lacks in excitement it makes up for in health cred.

Steaming generally involves no added fat and is a great way of retaining all of the nutrients in your food. It's also speedy.

One of the best ways to steam fish is what the French call en papillote (pronounced on pap-ee-oat), or literally "in parchment." In this simple method, fish is wrapped in a packet of parchment paper. As it cooks, the food releases juices. Those flavourful juices turn to steam and are trapped in the packet, cooking and flavouring the food, while keeping it moist.

You also can add other ingredients to flavour and cook alongside the fish, such as herbs, slices of lemon and vegetables. Because fish cooks quickly, it's a good idea to pick vegetables that are either thinly cut or tender; this helps them cook at the same speed as the fish.

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound small green beans, trimmed
- Pinch smoked paprika
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Four 4-ounce hake fillets
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 4 fresh mint leaves
- 4 small sprigs fresh marjoram
- 4 lemon slices

1. Heat the oven to 375 F.

2. Cut 4 large pieces parchment paper, about 12-by-20-inches each. Fold each in half the short way.

3. In bowl, toss green beans with the paprika. Season with salt and black pepper. Open each sheet of parchment similar to a book. Arrange quarter of beans on one half of each sheet of parchment, placing them close to the fold line. Top each pile with a hake fillet. Season again with salt and pepper.

4. Top each fillet with a sprig of thyme, a mint leaf, a sprig of marjoram and a slice of lemon. Fold the parchment packets closed like a book again. Starting at one end of the fold, fold the edges of the paper together every couple of inches, creating a seam all the way around. Tuck the last end under and place on a baking sheet.

5. Bake 10 minutes. To serve, place each packet on a serving plate and tear open at the centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Salmon En Papillote. Elegant entrée features fish and vegetables

1. Prepare 2 sheets of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches); set aside.

2. In shallow dish, combine oil, garlic, dill and lemon juice; add fillets and coat. Refrigerate 4 hours.

3. In centre of each piece of parchment paper, arrange and evenly spread julienne vegetables the length of the fish, then place fillets on top of vegetables.

4. Fold bottom of parchment firmly over vegetables and fish, fold sides over to close, fold top down and firmly wrap around to seal.

5. Place parcels, vegetable side down and side by side, in a slow cooker and close lid firmly. Cook on high for 2 hours. Be cautious when opening packages as there will be hot liquid.

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Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped fresh dill
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 2 salmon fillets (about 500 g/1 lb total)
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) assorted julienne vegetables (such as carrots, zucchini, celery, red pepper)
- Fresh herbs finely chopped to garnish
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

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If you haven't seriously considered the insurance industry as an ideal place to start your career, maybe these statistics will encourage you to start:

Not even the recent tough economic times could slow the growth of the insurance industry; while many industries were laying off workers at the height of the last economic downturn, about 12,000 positions were added to the insurance workforce in Canada.

In addition, according to recent demographic research conducted by The Insurance Institute of Canada, about half of the approximately 110,000 property and casualty insurance professionals are between 41 and 60 years old, and 25 per cent of them are expected to retire in the next two to six years.

There aren't enough young insurance professionals to fill those gaps at the entry level or to move up into management roles, so the opportunities to start and grow your career within the insurance industry are enormous no matter what your educational background.

Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections Program Manager at the Insurance Institute (career-connections.info), answered a few of our questions to help students and recent grads better understand the job opportunities in this booming industry.

What are the different areas of the insurance industry?

There are three main types of insurance:

Life, Health and Financial: Essentially, making sure money is there to support you in case you get sick or to make sure families and friends do not need to shoulder the costs associated with your final expenses.

Social Insurance: These are government administered programs. In Canada, we are lucky enough to have universal health care. We also have employment insurance and workplace safety insurance which make sure we have a means of financial support in the case of job loss or injury at work.

Property and Casualty: This is essentially for anything without a pulse. Whether it's for something we own, our businesses or even our liability in an accident.

What do people who work in insurance typically like most about their jobs?

When asked what they like most about the industry, many insurance professionals talk about the variety and stability the industry offers.

There is a multitude of opportunities available within the sector that build on your interests, experience and career goals. The industry also has an openness to working in multiple business areas or changing directions over the course of your career. This allows for a career path that evolves and is as individual as you are.

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Student Voice

The hunt has been harder than expected

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In 2006, I dropped out of tourism and travel to pursue my dream: music. I specialized in Music Business and Engineering at Fanshawe College in London, Ont., and the program was structured so well that it seemed I wouldn't have any trouble finding a job after graduation.

The initial search was hard, and it took me a couple months of applications and emails before I finally landed an internship at a small music label in Toronto. It was a three-month internship with a chance for more work, I was told. So I packed up and moved to Toronto.

Eventually I was asked to start doing some commission work, which included researching bands and video editing. However, this small amount of pay was only for work I was doing outside office hours.

Three months later, I mentioned the idea of full-time work. My boss said, "This wasn't an internship; this is the job. We pay you commission — that's more than we'd ever give an intern. But keep up the good work!"

Two weeks later, I quit.

This is when it got hard. I spent an entire year unemployed with very few interviews. I applied for jobs in every city, a minimum of three per day.

It was a long and depressing year, and it never got better until a particularly desperate night in June, when I bit the bullet and applied to college programs for advertising. School is the one thing I was never rejected from.

Where I am now

I just finished my first year of Advertising Media Sales at Humber College, with honours. I chose advertising because it can be applied to so many fields and seems to always be a necessity for every successful company. For the past few months, I have been applying for summer internships in advertising and marketing departments all over the city. While I am currently waiting on a promising verdict from one company, it seems not much has changed. I only had two related interviews out of my dozens of applications, and I've run out of job listings. The main problem right now is that agencies want a graduate — someone who will be of use for more than just four months.

My recommendations for students

Job rejection really isn't personal and generally you're competing with 15 other people for one little job. The odds are never in your favour, but that doesn't mean you can just stop. You will never get the job you don't apply to, and you can never fear that rejection.

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Kickstart a career

Interested in the insurance industry?

Three tips from an expert on breaking in

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Don't hesitate to ask your insurance provider about the industry. ISTOCK

If you think you might be interested in a career in insurance, the best thing you can do is start exploring the industry while you're still a student through research, networking and work experience, such as co-ops, internships, summer jobs and part-time jobs.

"This is a great way to build knowledge, skills and experience which will serve as a great foundation for starting your career in the industry," says Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections Program Manager at the Insurance Institute.

We asked Trevor to help us map out a strategy to help you start your career and get a job in the insurance industry.

Identify a clear career goal within the insurance sector

There are nine entry-level "gateway" roles in the insurance sector and they're all different, so it's important to know where you want to go as early as possible. According to Buttrum, "this will help you to target your job search documents, choose which employers to target and plot out your career path."

Transfer your existing skills and experience to insurance

From there, you can figure out how your skills and experience might transfer to that type of role. Worried that your work and volunteer experiences in retail, food service or camp counselling aren't applicable to the insurance industry? "Believe it or not, they are," says Buttrum. "The customer service and problem solving involved in each of these is definitely something you will use in the insurance sector."

Work toward a professional designation

Although certifications and licenses are really dependent on the role you are interested in, Buttrum says students should consider taking a course or two toward the Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) designation — "the industry standard for excellence, education and ethics within the industry."

Starting your designation as a student will allow you to complete it earlier in your career and may also make you more attractive to potential employers. Once you're hired, he says, "Many employers support their workforce in completing the professional education required to excel in their career. This can be in the form of tuition assistance, salary bonuses or paid time off."

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Stanley Cup final

"It doesn't make it bitter at all. Quite frankly, I think it's more interesting to watch. I am very fond of Richards and Carter. I'd love to see them succeed. As far as Jersey is concerned, they beat us. If they win, at least we know we lost to the best."

Philadelphia Flyers founder and owner Ed Snider, who said Tuesday he'd love to see former Flyers Mike Richards and Jeff Carter win the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren's gamble last summer to trade Richards and Carter in the prime of their careers yielded mixed results. The Flyers won 47 games, totalled 103 points, finished fifth in the Eastern Conference and had a six-game post-season series win over odds-on favourite Pittsburgh.

On the web

Manchester United may have lost the English Premier League title to its cross-city rival, but the club still claims to be the most-followed soccer team in the world. Internal research suggests United's popularity has doubled to 659-million followers in the last five years. Scan the code for the story.

Common ground in cup-final showdown

NHL. Devils and Kings took similar paths on journey to Stanley Cup

A great goalie. Depth in front of him. The ability to win on the road. And a respected coach.

Two teams with plenty of similarities drop the puck Wednesday for the Stanley Cup.

The sixth-seeded New Jersey Devils and eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings face off at the Prudential Center in hockey's finale.

Both teams have already been forged in the cauldron of the playoffs. As lower seeds, they have not had home-ice advantage and had to get here the hard way.

Depth has been a key to both.

"I don't think it's an accident that the teams that are rolling four lines and six D (defencemen) are still playing," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday.

"I think if you talked to Darryl, I would bet he'd say the same thing. It's been critical. You don't play 20, 25 playoff games and the grind and the emotion and the battle without having depth. You just can't."

Said Kings coach Darryl Sutter: "The way the schedule is and the way the travel is, you don't do it without everybody making some sort of contribution. Not just the minutes played but in performance."

Los Angeles is a mind-boggling 8-0 in the playoffs on the road, where the home team has the last line change. New Jersey is 6-4.

Both teams rely on their goaltenders to keep the opposition honest.

Mike Richards works out on Tuesday in New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES

Devils head coach Peter DeBoer gives instruction during practice on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London's Drew Doughty speaks to media on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Martin Brodeur on Tuesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

New Jersey looks to career Devil Martin Brodeur, a future Hall of Famer who is still going strong at age 40.

Los Angeles has 26-year-old Jonathan Quick, who leads playoff goalies in goals-against average (1.54) and save percentage (.946). Brodeur's corresponding figures are 2.04 and .923.

Much has been made of the Kings' size, but the league says there's really not much difference between the two. The Devils' average height and weight is six-foot-one and 204 pounds. For the Kings, it's six-foot-one and 208.

New Jersey's average age is 30, compared to 26.5 for Los Angeles.

"I think the goalies bring the average up quite a bit," Devils forward Dainius Zubrus said dryly, referencing Brodeur and 39-year-old Johan Hedberg.

The Kings have more Canadians (13 to six) than the Devils. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Breakdown

HOW THEY STACK UP

DEVILS

No. 6 (East), 48-28-6 record, won season series 2-0

The Devils are in the Stanley Cup final for the fifth time and are looking for their fourth title. New Jersey captured the cup in 1995, 2000 and 2003, with its only final-series loss to Colorado in 2001. Martin Brodeur has been there for all the final appearances, and could call it a career at age 40 once this series is over — win or lose.

KINGS

No. 8 (West), 40-27-15 record

The Kings are in the final for the second time in team history. L.A. is still looking for its first Stanley Cup, having lost in five games to Montreal in 1993. The Kings have won an NHL-record eight straight road playoff games — the first team to do it in one playoff year. Los Angeles has outscored opponents 30-13 in its road games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer

Ukraine denies racism claims ahead of Euro 2012

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry says British media reports about racism among the country's football fans portray Ukraine unfairly ahead of the European championship.

The BBC on Monday broadcast a program showing fans in Ukraine and co-host Poland giving the Nazi salute and taunting black players.

Former England defender Sol Campbell told the broadcaster that fans should not travel to the tournament "because you could end up coming back in a coffin."

Ukraine Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleh Voloshyn said on Tuesday the BBC report is wrong and claimed Ukraine "is one of the leaders in Europe" in racial and religious tolerance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennis

Serena suffers career-first setback

Serena Williams lost in the first round of a major tournament for the first time in her career, falling to Virginie Razzano of France 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 Tuesday at the French Open.

The fifth-seeded Williams was two points from victory nine times in the second set, including leading 5-1 in the tiebreaker. But Razzano won six straight points to force a third set, and then took control of the match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serena Williams in Paris on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Judge dismisses two acts in Clemens case

The judge in the Roger Clemens perjury trial has dismissed two of the obstructive acts in the charges against the former pitcher.

Clemens remains charged with two counts of perjury and three counts of making false statements before Congress, along with 13 other obstructive acts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	29	20	.592	—
Tampa Bay	29	20	.592	—
New York	26	22	.542	2½
Toronto	**25**	**24**	**.510**	**4**
Boston	24	24	.500	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	27	21	.563	—
Chicago	27	22	.551	½
Detroit	23	25	.479	4
Kansas City	19	28	.404	7½
Minnesota	16	32	.333	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	31	18	.633	—
Los Angeles	25	25	.500	6½
Oakland	22	27	.449	9
Seattle	21	30	.412	11

Last night's results
Kansas City at Cleveland
Baltimore at **Toronto**
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay
Detroit at Boston
Seattle at Texas
Oakland at Minnesota
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels
Monday's results
Toronto 6 Baltimore 2
Minnesota 5 Oakland 4
L.A. Angels 9 N.Y. Yankees 8
Texas 4 Seattle 2
Cleveland 8 Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 2 Tampa Bay 1
Boston 7 Detroit 4
Today's games
All times Eastern
Kansas City (B.Chen 3-5) at Cleveland (J.Gomez 3-3), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 2-0), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (T.Ross 2-5) at Minnesota (Liriano 0-5), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Hammel 6-1) at **Toronto (Morrow 5-3)**, 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 2-1) at Boston (Lester 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Beavan 2-4) at Texas (D.Holland 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-2) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 2-6), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Hamilton Tex	40	153	33	58	.379
Konerko ChiW	39	139	21	51	.367
Jeter NYY	41	175	24	60	.343
Ortiz Bos	42	159	30	53	.333
AJackson Det	36	136	29	45	.331
Andrus Tex	42	167	27	53	.317
ACabrera Cle	35	139	22	43	.309
Butler KC	41	159	18	49	.308
MiCabrera Det	41	166	21	51	.307
AdJones Bal	43	176	32	54	.307

Runs — Kinsler, Texas, 35; Hamilton, Texas, 33; AdJones, Baltimore, 32.
RBI — Hamilton, Texas, 47; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 35;** MiCabrera, Det, 34; ADunn, Chi, 32; Butler, KC, 31.
Hits — Jeter, NY, 60; Hamilton, Texas, 58; AdJones, Baltimore, 54; Pedroia, Bos, 54.
HRs — Hamilton, Tex, 18; ADunn, Chi, 14; AdJones, Bal, 14; **Encarnacion, Tor, 13;** Grandersson, NY, 13; **Bautista, Tor, 11;** Reddick, Oak, 11.
Last night's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	19	.604	—
Miami	27	22	.551	2½
New York	27	22	.551	2½
Atlanta	26	24	.520	4
Philadelphia	26	24	.520	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	27	21	.563	—
St. Louis	27	22	.551	½
Pittsburgh	24	24	.500	3
Houston	22	27	.449	5½
Milwaukee	20	28	.417	7
Chicago	17	32	.347	10½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	16	.667	—
San Francisco	26	23	.531	6½
Arizona	22	27	.449	10½
Colorado	19	29	.396	13
San Diego	17	34	.333	16½

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 5 San Diego 3
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets
St. Louis at Atlanta
Washington at Miami
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers
Arizona at San Francisco
Monday's results
San Francisco 4 Arizona 2
Milwaukee 3 L.A. Dodgers 2
Philadelphia 8 N.Y. Mets 4
St. Louis 8 Atlanta 2
Miami 5 Washington 3
Colorado 9-7 Houston 7-6 (2nd game, 10 inn.)
Pittsburgh 4 Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 11 San Diego 7
Today's games
All times Eastern
San Diego (Bass 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-3), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 5-2) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 5-1) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Wang 1-0) at Miami (Jo.Johnson 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 4-3) at Colorado (Friedrich 2-1), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-2), 10:10 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 3-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 2-5), 10:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Houston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
DWright NYM	45	161	32	60	.373
MeCabrera SF	49	201	36	74	.368
Ruiz Phi	44	142	23	52	.366
Lucroy Mil	43	139	17	48	.345
Furcal StL	47	188	35	64	.340
McCutchen Pit	45	165	28	56	.339
Prado Atl	48	184	30	60	.326
Votto Cin	48	163	29	53	.325
YMolina StL	44	165	24	53	.321
Infante Mia	42	156	26	50	.321

Runs — CGonzalez, Col, 38; MeCabrera, SF, 36; Furcal, StL, 35; Pence, Phil, 35; Uggla, Atl, 34; Bourn, Atl, 33; Braun, Milw, 33.
RBI — Ethier, LA, 42; Beltran, StL, 41; CGonzalez, Col, 37; Stanton, Miami, 36; LaRoche, Wash, 35; Braun, Milw, 34; Freese, StL, 33.
Yesterday's games not included

MONDAY

BLUE JAYS 6, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Avery lf	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	2	3	3
NJhnsn ph	1	0	0	0	Rasms cf	4	0	2	1
Hardy ss	3	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	1	0	0
Markks rf	4	0	0	0	Encrnc dh	4	1	1	2
AdJons cf	4	1	1	0	Thams lf	4	0	1	0
Wieters c	4	1	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
Betemt 3b	4	0	1	1	Cooper 1b	4	1	2	0
C.Davis 1b	3	0	1	0	Mathis c	4	0	1	0
MrRynl dh	3	0	2	1	Vizquel ss	3	1	1	0
Andino 2b	3	0	1	0					
Totals	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**Totals**	**35**	**6**	**12**	**6**

Baltimore	000	000	002	—2
Toronto	112	200	00x	—6

E—C.Davis (4). DP—Baltimore 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, Toronto 6. 2B—Mar.Reynolds (8), K.Johnson 2 (5). HR—K.Johnson (9), Encarnacion (16). CS—C.Davis (3). S—Vizquel.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Tom.Hunter L,2-3	3	9	6	5	0	0
Eveland	4	3	0	0	0	2
Gregg	1	0	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Hutchison W,4-2	7	3	0	0	3	9
L.Perez	1	0	0	0	1	0
Cordero	1-3	4	2	2	0	1
Janssen S,4-5	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

Tom.Hunter pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
HBP—by Hutchison (C.Davis).
T—2:48. A—16,575 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Cooper	14	2	4	0	1	.286
Encarnacion	190	27	52	16	41	.274
Lawrie	176	20	48	3	17	.273
Johnson	175	31	46	9	26	.263
Escobar	195	28	51	2	15	.262
Arencibia	147	20	36	9	29	.245
Thames	148	17	36	3	11	.243
Rasmus	167	18	39	5	20	.234
Bautista	183	31	41	12	32	.224
Davis	59	17	13	2	8	.220
Francisco	34	3	7	0	0	.206
Vizquel	34	4	7	0	2	.206
Mathis	36	7	7	2	5	.194

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Mathis	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Oliver	0	2	0	17.1	16	1.56
Perez	2	1	0	25.2	26	2.45
Janssen	1	1	4	18.2	18	2.89
Morrow	5	3	0	62.1	54	3.47
Alvarez	3	4	0	65.2	19	3.56
Romero	5	1	0	65.1	49	3.86
Drabek	4	5	0	55.1	42	4.55
Villanueva	0	0	0	21.1	24	4.64
Hutchison	4	2	0	44.2	36	4.84
Frasor	0	1	0	18.0	22	5.00
Chavez	0	0	0	5.0	7	5.40
Cordero	1	2	2	19.0	15	6.63
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00

Last night's game not included

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
NORFOLK VS. TORONTO
Friday's game
Toronto at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Toronto at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 7
Norfolk at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
Norfolk at **Toronto**, 3 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 4
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 11
x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — if necessary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kovalchuk, NJ	7	11	18
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	9	16
Kopitar, LA	6	9	15
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Zajac, NJ	7	5	12
Girardi, NYR	3	9	12
Gaborik, NYR	5	6	11
M.Richards, LA	4	7	11
Henrique, NJ	3	8	11
Salvador, NJ	3	8	11
J.Williams, LA	2	9	11
Callahan, NYR	6	4	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
Vermette, Phx	5	5	10
Anisimov, NYR	3	7	10
Clarkson, NJ	3	7	10
Penner, LA	3	7	10
Del Zotto, NYR	2	8	10
Doughty, LA	2	8	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Doan, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	5	4	9
J.Carter, LA	4	5	9
B.Schenn, Pha	3	6	9
Zubrus, NJ	3	6	9
Stepan, NYR	1	8	9
Yandle, Phx	1	8	9
Boedker, Phx	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Hartnell, Pha	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
Backstrom, Wash	2	6	8
Klesla, Phx	2	6	8
Jagr, Pha	1	7	8
Zidlicky, NJ	1	7	8
Kreider, NYR	5	2	7
Chimera, Wash	4	3	7
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
Gionta, NJ	3	4	7
Fedotenko, NYR	2	5	7
Laich, Wash	2	5	7
Whitney, Phx	2	5	7
Langkow, Phx	1	6	7
R.Carter, NJ	4	2	6
Elias, NJ	4	2	6
Pyatt, Phx	4	2	6
Talbot, Pha	4	2	6
Bergenheim, Fla	3	3	6
B.Boyle, NYR	3	3	6
Hanzal, Phx	3	3	6
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Legwand, Nash	3	3	6
M.Staal, NYR	3	3	6
Stralman, NYR	3	3	6
S.Bernier, NJ	2	4	6
Carle, Pha	2	4	6
Dupuis, Pgh	2	4	6
Kunitz, Pgh	2	4	6

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

FRENCH OPEN

At Paris
Men's Singles — First Round
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 6-1, 7-5, 6-0.
David Ferrer (6), Spain, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.
Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
Juan Monaco (13), Argentina, def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukr., def. Alexandr Dolgopolov (16), Ukr., 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3.
Richard Gasquet (17), France, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Mikhail Youzhny (27), Russia, def. James Blake, United States, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Julien Benneteau (29), France, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4.
Florian Mayer (32), Germany, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 3-6, 11-9.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Donald Young, United States, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-1.
Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 3-6, 6-2, 2-1, retired.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Women's Singles — First Round
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-0, 6-0.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Ashleigh Barty, Australia, 6-1, 6-2.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Serena Williams (5), United States, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, 6-0, 6-1.
Francesca Schiavone (14), Italy, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-3, 6-1.
Maria Kirilenko (16), Russia, def. Victoria Larriere, France, 6-1, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (22), Russia, def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 6-4, 6-4.
Kaia Kanepi (23), Estonia, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
Julia Goerges (25), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Peng Shuai (28), China, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 6-3.
Heather Watson, Britain, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-4, 6-3.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, 7-5, 7-5.
Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-4, 4-3, retired.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Melinda Czink, Hungary, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-1, 6-2.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C.	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	3	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Chicago	12	5	4	3	15	15	18
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Houston	11	4	3	4	12	12	16
New England	12	4	7	1	16	18	13
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	12	5	3	4	13	14	19
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Saturday's game
All times Eastern
Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 16
Dallas at Houston, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
D.C. at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 17
New York at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
(Miami leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Miami 93 Boston 79
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 7
x-Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 9
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) V. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(San Antonio leads 1-0)
Last night's result
Oklahoma City at San Antonio
Tomorrow's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6
x-San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 8
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
x — if necessary.

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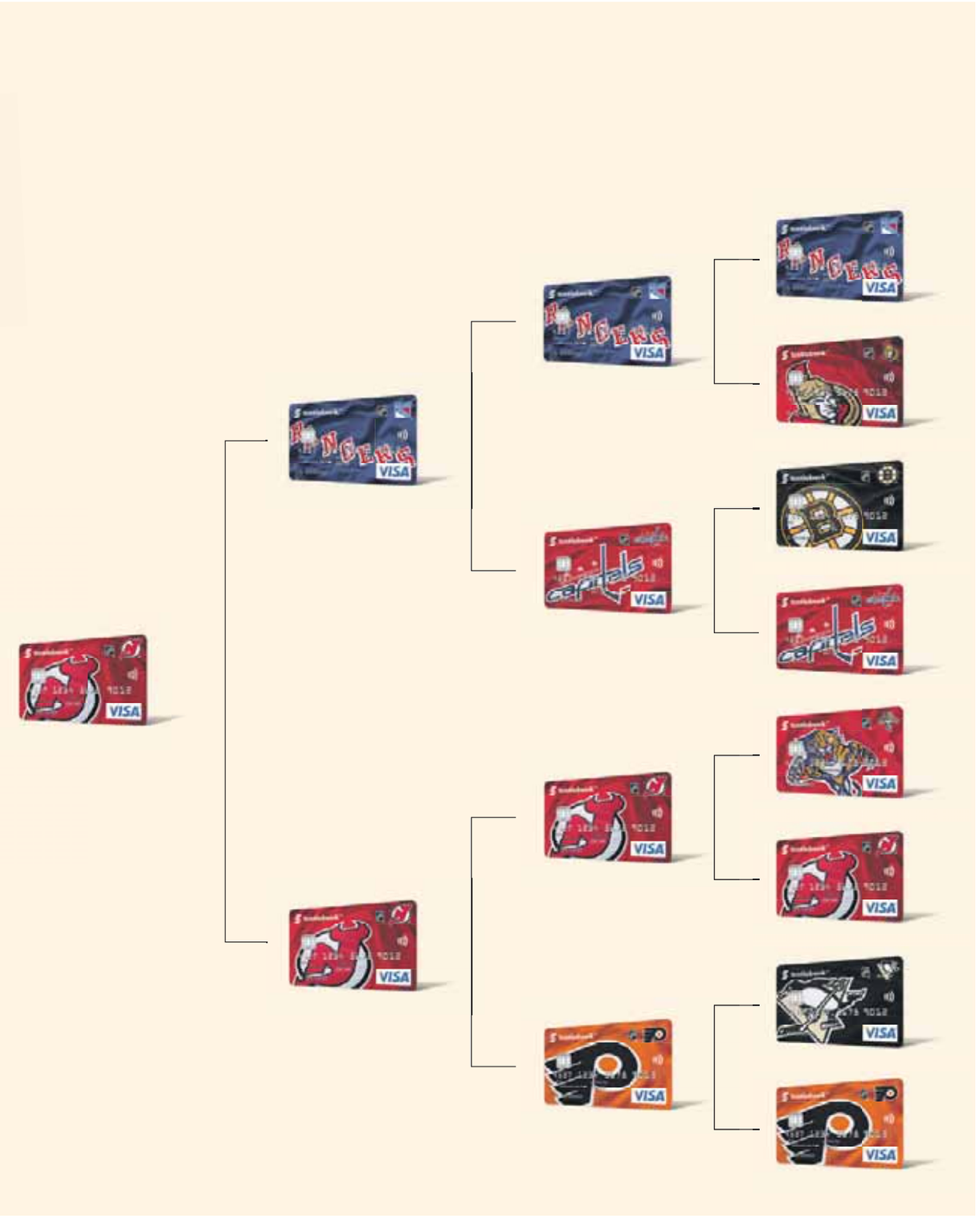

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The RDX abandons Acura's very effective Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). However, the replacement system, called AWD with Intelligent Control, appears to have its own merits, which include sending 25 per cent of the available torque to the rear wheels when accelerating from a stop.

2013 Acura RDX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive luxury-compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (273).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.7/7.3.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $42,900.

Beefed-up engine

A 3.5-litre V6 replaces the turbo-charged 2.3-litre four-cylinder, a move that appears to be in sharp contrast to other automakers — such as Ford — which are replacing larger engines with smaller turbo-charged powerplants that supposedly get better fuel economy.

But check this out. The RDX's V6 makes 273 horse power and 251 pound-feet of torque, compared to 240 horses and 260 pound-feet of torque for the 2.3. Most importantly, the RDX achieves a better fuel-consumption rating than the outgoing model.

How is this possible?

A six-speed automatic transmission — one more gear than used on the turbo four — helps improve the ratings, but so do other fuel-conserving innovations.

There's low-viscosity engine and transmission oil, a special friction-reducing coating for the pistons and Variable Cylinder Management that allows the engine to operate with two or three of its six cylinders (depending on the load) shut down.

Acura says the RDX also has improved aerodynamics, fuel-saving electric power steering pump and low-rolling-resistance tires.

Review. More pistons as well as better fuel economy? What does the new RDX know that we don't?

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

With the entire automotive world dropping pistons to add fuel economy — and even bragging about it — there's this little twist: the 2013 Acura RDX is adding fuel economy by adding pistons.

Yes, the whole universe is suddenly out of whack and it begs the question, what does Honda know that the rest of the world doesn't. Well, we're in Arizona to find out.

The RDX brand has been around since the 2007 model year as a rival to the BMW X3, Audi Q5, Cadillac SRX, Mercedes-Benz GLK and other premium-priced five-passenger wagons.

Changes for the 2010 model year gave it a look that resembled the larger MDX, which is an approach that has clearly spilled over into the new RDX.

The aggressively arched fenders, redesigned nose-piece and artfully reshaped roofline convey a sense of increased proportions, which is an illusion considering that most key dimensions — length, width, height and cargo volume — vary only slightly from the original.

With an on-the-road starting price of $42,900, the poised and proficient RDX now looks and acts like a more upscale travelling companion that effectively coddles its occupants, should take fewer fuel stops and generally behaves more resolutely when the go pedal is pushed.

Acura, if more power and better fuel economy was intended to be a secret, we're happy to blow your cover.

Entry room — the area between the door pillar and the front edge of the rear seat — for five-passenger compact wagons is sometimes tight. This interior shows off the abundant door-panel detail.

The new dashboard's elegant single-pod gauge grouping replaces the clunkier three-pod layout.

By comparison

1 Audi Q5
Base price: $43,000

2 BMW X3
Base price: $43,900

3 Cadillac SRX
Base price: $43,600

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Flip your Jeep lid

Talk to any owner about their Jeep Wrangler and they'll wax poetic about their favourite off-roader. But ask them about removing and reinstalling the Jeep's canvas top and the air is likely to turn blue. In short, it's not much fun wrestling with the various snaps, zippers, hooks and other attachments. A solution is in hand in the form of the power-operated MyTop from Roadwire. The company states that its lid will automatically fold back and reverse itself in about six seconds. The frame is made of aircraft-grade aluminum (good aluminum), while the electric motors used in the folding/refolding process are of the same design used to operate the canopies of fighter jets. MyTop is priced at $4,300 US, plus installation. More info is available at roadwire.com. WHEELBASE

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The new face of Kia

Auto Know. How a German designer has shaped the cars and the image of a Korean company to take on the world.

STEVEN REIVE
Wheelbase Media

Painter Pablo Picasso said that every child is an artist. "The problem is how to remain an artist when one grows up."

Peter Schreyer, a grown man of 58 years, doesn't have a whole lot of trouble with that. He paints at home — a lot — and then there's his day job as chief designer for Kia.

He's the person behind the styling of all the hot cars from the Korean automaker such as the Rio and the Optima. You could even say that he's the primary reason Kia sales are soaring.

Talent aside, one of the most interesting pieces of this story is that Schreyer is not Korean; he's German. Schreyer actually has a 25-year history with Audi and Volkswagen and began his automotive design career with Audi, working there while he was a student at the Royal College of Art in London, staying on once he had graduated.

He was chief designer of Audi from 1994-'02, where he was instrumental in pushing the company to the international forefront as a premium brand. The original Audi TT? His baby, as were the A3 and A6 of those years.

From 2002-'05, he was chief designer of Volkswagen and in 2005 he became head of advanced design of Volkswagen.

In late 2006, Kia Motors wooed him away.

He maintains his home in Germany but commutes, obviously quite regularly, to Kia's corporate headquarters in Seoul and design studios in Hwaseong, South Korea and Irvine, Calif.

Since his tenure began at Kia, he thinks the brand has finally come into its own.

"Kia now has a personality, an identity," said Schreyer in a phone interview, "a lot more than it had before. It is a big achievement. I feel the brand has gone from anonymous to more distinct, recognizable as Kia. The 'tiger nose' grille, as we call it, is an identifier for the brand."

The process is ongoing but this dramatic upswing in Kia's popularity, branding and sales is one of Schreyer's proudest achievements, the other being the work done at Audi during the era that he was chief designer.

His favourite design job?

"If I was going to point to specific vehicles, it would be the Optima, the Rio and of course, the TT and Audi A8."

Schreyer believes that good design is only good if the product is technically good. If he is next to one of "his" vehicles at a traffic light, he says he looks inside to see if the driver and passengers look happy in it. The product has to hold the promise.

"I have to want to drive the vehicles as well. Designers are customers too. We have to think in the future but we also must have our feet on the earth."

Emotional attachment to any of his designs is swiftly brushed off.

"You have to move on to the next one," he says, likening the artistic release to cutting the apron strings of parenthood from a young adult, allowing them their own path in life.

Quote

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Peter Schreyer

Obviously there are huge cultural differences between Korea and Germany and Schreyer might be the only person who can point them out as it relates to car building.

"When I was working with Volkswagen and Audi, I was on my home turf. I grew up in a German/European car culture. Perhaps there is an arrogance that there is nothing outside of that culture. That other cultures can't have a car culture.

"Working with Korea and Kia, I've discovered that there is a whole other world of making cars. I didn't know about this world. I discovered that there are people outside of the European car culture that are very skilled, eager to make great cars."

He also admires the speed with which Korean executives act once a decision is made, despite the multi-layered management that must be consulted before getting a go-ahead on an idea.

Perhaps Schreyer is impressed with speed because he's a bit of a speed demon himself.

"As a kid, growing up in the Alps with a mother who was into competitive skiing, it was a natural choice at an early age and also skeleton racing at a competitive level. You might not even know what that is?" Actually, no, but it's a sport where one dives head first down a steep hill on a small sled.

Painting seems like such a huge contrast to that, but that's how he relaxes. His voice becomes richer when he speaks of this passion. He claims that if he were to retire today, painting is what he would do. He even hopes to have an exhibition some day.

There is no other career he can imagine for himself, however, than the one he is in right now. Growing up next to an airfield with a father who was a car enthusiast, the thought of being a pilot crossed his mind. But a poster on a wall at school advertising a course in industrial design dictated his career path.

The question of the hour? What does he have parked in his garage.

"In Frankfurt, I have a Rio. Where my family home is, I have a Sportage, I really love this vehicle. When I go to Korea, I have a chauffeur because it's so hard to find my way around and he drives a K7, which is the Cadenza in the North American market."

But that's not all.

"A supercharged Pininfarina Spider Azzurra (based on a Fiat 124 from the early 1980s), a V12-powered 1971 Jaguar E-Type coupe and an Audi TT Mk1 that my son is driving since he just got his license.

"I don't have much time to drive them. More in the summer. No, I do not fix them myself or 'tinker' with them. I don't have the patience and know nothing about it."

What's next for Peter Schreyer? The answer is quite literal. He refers to upcoming products in the Kia lineup that are due for a change and mentions the GT concept that was unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., back in January.

Although he's not divulging any secrets, the secret is out that Kia is as passionate when it comes to design as the man leading the charge.

"The job is stressful yes. But I love my job so it's a good stress."

Peter Schreyer with the GT concept at the Detroit auto show in January. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

One of Schreyer's favourite designs is the new Kia Optima, which perhaps best translates his experience with Audi into the Korean brand.

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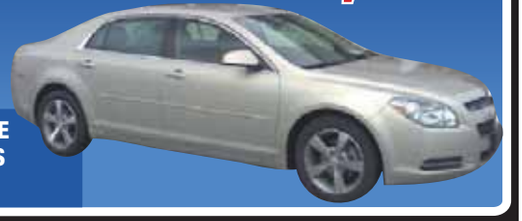

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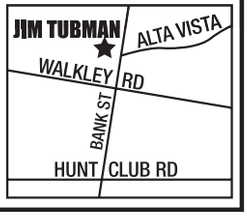

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Dodge Viper

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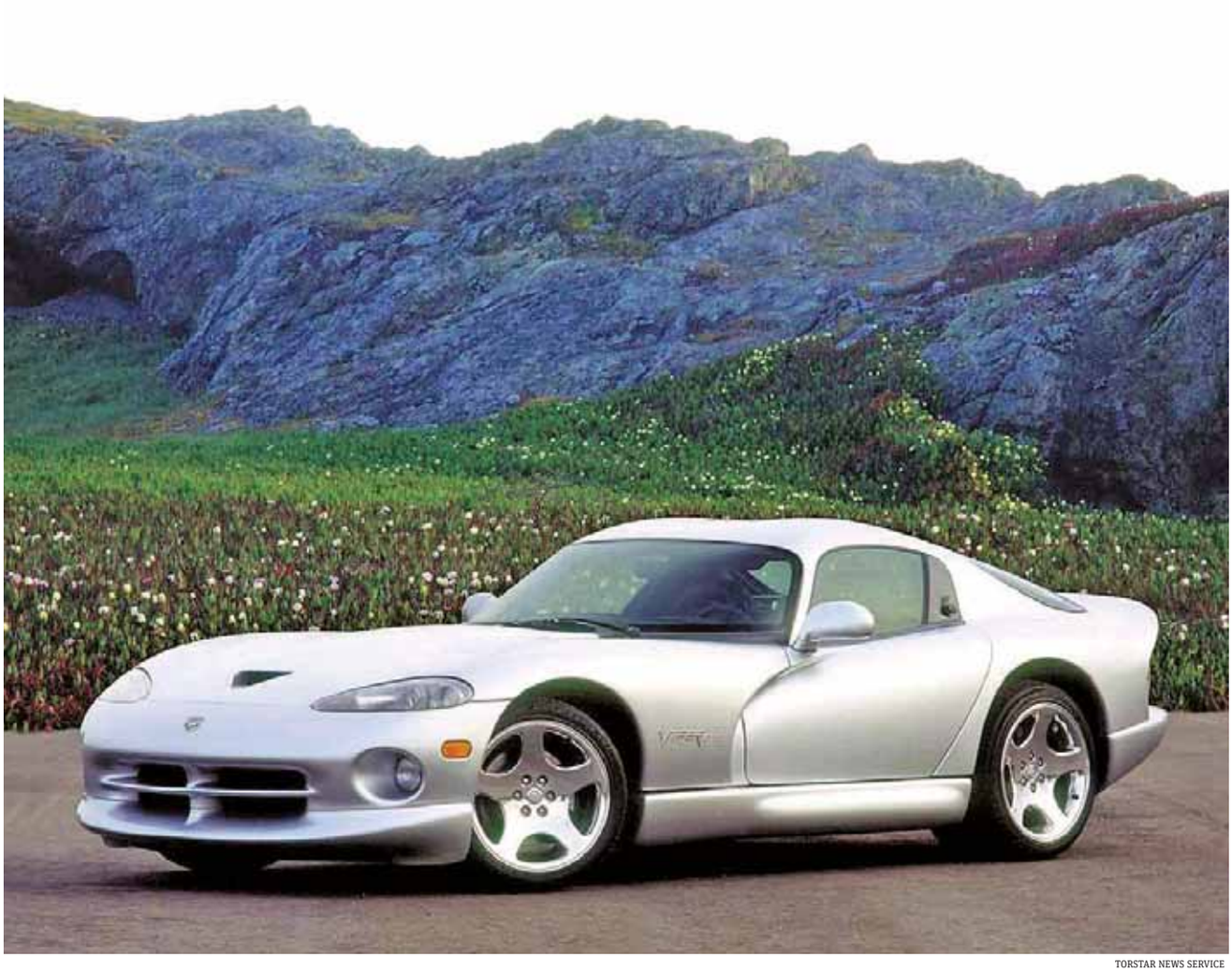
Original Dodge Viper models were often bought as a novel weekend car, a racing machine, or to own a bit of history and nostalgia. All models possess a monstrous 10-cylinder engine, two seats and rear-wheel drive.

Feature content was modest, though performance was the unquestioned focus of this machine. Coupe and convertible variants were available in GTS and RT/10 designations, respectively.



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Common Issues

Have your potential used Viper checked for oil leaks from the valve covers and oil pan gasket. A compression test is also advisable, as is a check of the oil and coolant condition, which could reveal an issue with the head-gasket. This issue seemed to affect mainly earlier models.

On a test-drive, "feel" the transmission for signs of clutch slippage, grinding or hard shifting. Though the gearbox is said to be reliable, abusive driving can shorten its life.

Note that some models suffered from a rear differential which could become separated from its bracket, and/or a power steering rack that could pull away from the front frame. A free recall and repair kit addresses these problems. Your local Dodge dealer has the scoop.

Shoppers are also advised to check the condition of the brakes and tires.

Engine

All models in this generation have an 8-litre V10 with 400 horsepower on early models, and 450 horsepower after 1996. A six-speed manual was the only transmission offered.

What Owners Like

Performance, style, excess and exclusivity were the big draws to the Viper. As a new model, it offered the performance to crush cars costing several times more. Extreme performance driving pleasure is enjoyed by Viper owners.

What Owners Dislike

Limited storage, limited shoulder and legroom and gas mileage are the most common complaints. Heat from the engine can also "cook" the driver's feet on long trips.

Verdict

The Viper was loved mainly for its purely insane performance and the instant recognition of passers-by. It's not a car for the faint of heart — though it will appeal to those after all-out firepower ahead of creature-comforts.

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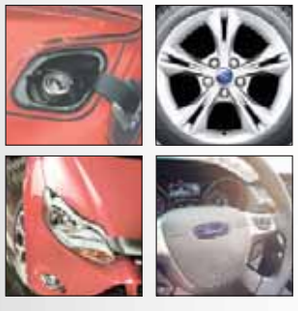

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Compact pickups at a crossroads

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The next wave of compact pickups will probably include some Chinese models. Consider Great Wall Motor's Steed model, introduced just this month to the U.K. market. CONTRIBUTED

An interesting period is developing for fans of compact pickup trucks. The old guard is going or gone, and the new guard is nowhere in sight.

We'll soon lose the GM twins (Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon). Last year we lost Ford Ranger and Dodge Dakota. The year prior we lost Mazda B-Series.

Replacements?

Ford developed a new Ranger for other markets but we're not getting it.

There is a new Chevrolet Colorado coming, but no time frame and not before it lands in priority compact truck markets like Thailand, Australia and Brazil.

A new Dodge Dakota is coming too, but it will have to be invented first, and who knows when and how that will happen within the Chrysler/Fiat framework.

Is it just me, or does it seem like the automakers don't quite have their heart into giving North Americans an up-to-date, "compact" pickup, which is not too pricey, and a legitimate alternative to the full-size pickup?

"The compact truck market is not dead, just ignored by the American marketplace," says Victor Tsai, a devoted and long-time compact truck buyer. For his landscaping business in Toronto, he has employed a long succession of compact rides, such as Jeep Comanche, Dodge Dakota, and Toyota Tacoma.

He feels compact trucks suffer in this market because North America is the home and sole marketplace of the full-size pickup. As such, the automakers are obsessed with selling and developing these trucks on this continent. Nowhere else does the compact truck face such a formidable competitor.

At the same time, automakers have been obsessed with making their North American compacts in the mould of their full-size trucks, loading them up with lots of power, features, macho styling, etc. Net result: they're not much different or cheaper than their full-size brethren.

Howard Elmer is a colleague of mine who specializes in all things truck. He notes that inexpensive trucks were a big part of how the Japanese automakers got a foothold in North America in the 1970s.

"Their product back then was small, but also fuel efficient, rugged, and very, very cheap in comparison (to full-size trucks). People bought them not necessarily because they were small, but because the price made sense."

Today, the vast majority of buyers for import compact trucks are younger people who use them for specific sports or leisure activities, and want them outfitted accordingly, and with lots of comfort features.

Elmer adds that in the era when compacts were cheaper, they were often employed for all sorts of uses and by all sorts of demographics — entry-level vehicle, second family vehicle, commuter, retirement ride for full-size pickup types who still wanted to stay in the truck lifestyle, work truck, sport truck, etc.

Could the next wave of compact trucks coming to North America be more like the earlier, "cheap and cheerful" wave, through lighter and more car-like unibody designs based on global platforms? And could we see diesel powertrains in these compact trucks? Chrysler has hinted as much, and GM's new truck in Thailand is sporting a brand-new diesel engine that looks like it could be easily certified for this continent.

But don't get your hopes up. Elmer notes that just because automakers have appealing products and/or powertrains in some markets, doesn't mean that they can be automatically "plopped" into ours.

However, if GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, etc., aren't prepared to give us cheap, little compacts, it might not matter.

"I think the Chinese are coming," says Elmer. "It's just a matter of time."

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High-technology barriers improve highway safety

Driving Force. There are plenty of blockades on the road, each of which is designed for a specific purpose

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As cars become safer, so do the roads. You may think a guardrail is just a piece of steel on the side of the highway, but it's actually part of a comprehensive safety system.

"By definition, a barrier system is a device which provides a physical obstacle through which an errant vehicle would not normally penetrate or vault over," says Bob Nichols, spokesperson for Ontario's Ministry of Transportation.

"It is intended to contain or redirect an errant vehicle of a particular size range, at a given speed and angle of impact."

Guardrails and barriers aren't placed randomly. Instead, they're generally installed where it would do more damage for a vehicle to run off the road than to hit the guardrail.

It's most desirable to keep the roadside clear, so that most drivers who lose control can either bring the vehicle back or come to a safe stop.

But if the side of the road contains unyielding obstacles, such as bridge piers or overhead sign posts, or has a steep slope, a barrier is considered.

Up until the late 1980s, most guardrail ends sloped down into the ground — known as "buried end treatment" in the trade.

Today, they mostly have impact-absorbing ends, properly known as steel beam energy attenuating terminals. These have a rectangular steel impact head and either breakaway steel or wooden support posts.

When a vehicle runs into it, the impact head is forced back onto the steel rails, which bend and flatten to absorb the impact of the crash and reduce its severity.

Concrete barriers on the highway are often called "Jersey Barriers" by drivers, but they're more likely to be a newer design called the "F-Shape." Depending on how hard a vehicle hits, either the tires or the bumper will slide along the barrier's slope and then be redirected back into the lane. The barrier doesn't have to be tall, because the shape does the trick.

And those barrels that you often see at off-ramps? That's a Connecticut Impact Attenuation System, consisting of thin-walled steel cylinders bolted together.

They crush when a vehicle crashes into them to absorb the impact, and some of the barrels contain steel straps and a compression pipe that redirect the vehicle away from greater danger.

Talking barriers

- Most roadside barriers in North America have been crash-tested to national standards, some with tractor-trailers.
- The concrete walls known as "Jersey Barriers" got their name because they were first installed in New Jersey in the 1960s.

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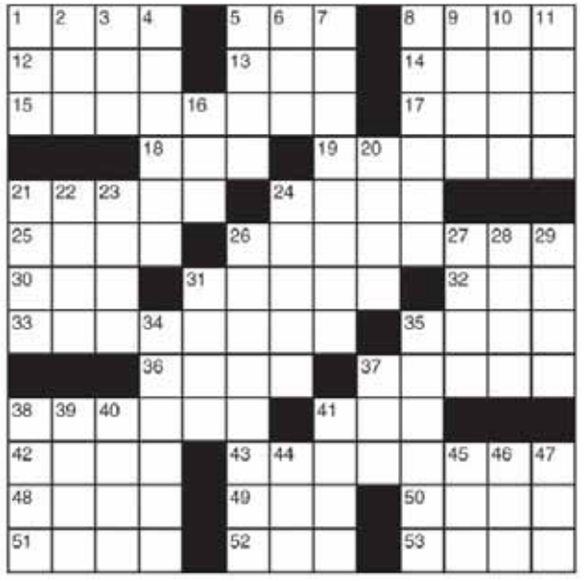
8 Omit
12 Exchange premium
13 Skater Babilonia
14 Domini preceder
15 Critical
17 Defeat
18 Pump up the volume
19 Carelessness?
21 Necklace fastener
24 In-box filler
25 Impetuous
26 Whims
30 Eggs
31 "Be-Bop- —"
32 Actor Holbrook
33 Maximum contents
35 Golf warning
36 Sea eagle
37 Healthy
38 Malay Archipelago sultanate
41 Tackle moguls
42 Theater box
43 South American rodent
48 — podrida
49 Get — for effort
50 Told tales
51 Ottoman governors
52 Torched
53 Therefore

Down

1 Servicewoman
2 Khan title
3 Wardrobe malfunction
4 Fertilizer ingredient
5 On
6 Greek cross
7 Use wrongly
8 Deli meat
9 Make a cardigan
10 Part of the foot
11 Slow
16 Little devil
20 Brazilian river
21 Gator's kin
22 Volcanic outflow
23 Promptly, on a memo
24 Fry lightly
26 Cold and impersonal
27 — En-lai
28 Make
29 Coaster
31 Farm fraction
34 Virgilian hero
35 Weakness
37 Wild blue yonder
38 Amorphous mass
39 Portrayal
40 Unsightly
41 Quarrel
44 Blackbird
45 Melody
46 Rule, for short
47 Commotion



Sudoku

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2	7						3	8
	1			7		6		
	5		2	8				3
		7				8		
8				4	6		2	
		6		1			8	
3	4						7	9
			7		5			4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	9	7	2	6	5	1	4	3
2	4	6	3	1	7	5	9	8
5	1	3	8	9	4	7	2	6
7	2	8	9	5	1	6	3	4
6	5	9	4	3	8	2	1	7
1	3	4	6	7	2	9	8	5
9	7	1	5	8	3	4	6	2
4	8	5	1	2	6	3	7	9
3	6	2	7	4	9	8	5	1

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

QNAFX N ORQ JXTRJJI VZGXZXG PV DXXE GZI. N RS PRDNAT ERZP NA R OXPAXQQ EZVPXFPNVA EZVTZRS.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A LANDSCAPE GARDENER IS COMPLETELY TIRED AND READY FOR BED, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S BUSHED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals N

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. There may be a lot to do but you will achieve more if you slow down and do one vital thing really well.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Your financial position may not be as good as it could be, but neither is it giving serious cause for concern. If you worry, you'll make things worse.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You know what you want and you know where and how to get it, so seize the moment.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart makes it easy to reach down into your subconscious and find out what makes you tick.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Reaching out to those who share your beliefs could put you in touch with some interesting people.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Today you can and you should make a good impression on those who can influence the course of your career.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. With the Sun, Mercury and Venus all moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart, much can be achieved. Aim high.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You may feel somewhat vulnerable right now but it's nothing to worry about. If you do, you could end up worrying yourself into a corner.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It may seem as if you are doing all the giving while others are doing all the taking, but it's for a reason.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You may find it hard to slow down today but you must. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart urges you to be kind to yourself.

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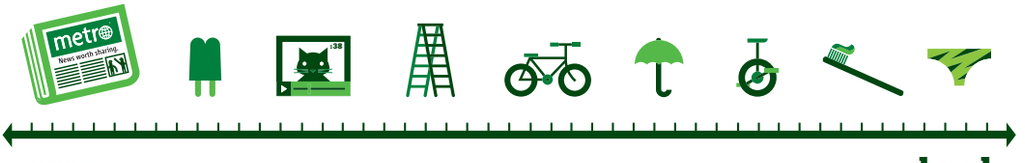

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